Molly’s Olympic swimming dream

Student aiming for Brazil in 2016

A North Axholme student is hoping to make a big splash at the 2016 Olympics.

At the age of 14, Molly Grayson, has high hopes for herself, as she is planning to take part in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil, to compete in the 800 metres freestyle and backstroke.

Molly has already won numerous swimming gala’s and competitions, taking part in them nearly every weekend and many more through summer. Thanks to this, she has a large collection of trophies and medals.

However, to prepare for her competitions, Molly has had to be at Sheffield for 5.30am to swim for 2 hours before school; she then has to go again after school from 4.30 until 6.30pm.

This busy routine is repeated throughout the week for Molly, except for Sunday which is her day off. As well as this, she goes to much further lengths with her training, as she travels to swimming camps at home and abroad, for example; Tenerife, Barcelona, Italy, Jersey and Cardiff for extra training.

Molly’s ambition of being a swimmer all started when she taught herself to swim in her own pool.

She took up the sport seriously at the age of seven and started her training regime. Molly has been a member of many different swimming clubs, until finally ending up at Sheffield, who she now swims with.

Head teacher Mr Sellar said “It’s fantastic to have an elite athlete at North Axholme! We try to support Molly as much as possible, by allowing her time off for her swimming camps and helping her catch up with school work. We also allow her to leave early at the end of every day, in order to get to her evening training on time.”

We all wish Molly the best!

Top: Swimmer Molly Grayson points to Brazil, where she hopes she will be representing her country in 2016. Above, Molly in action (photo courtesy of DE Photos).
Litter – don’t drop it on the school grounds

By Morgan Nason

Litter on the back yard of the school is becoming a concern, even though it’s banned to eat food and to chew chewing gum. Why do so many of us do it?

Abbey Sarvari, a year 7, confessed that she has consumed food on the yard. She also states that she knows a lot of people who drop litter. “A lot of people litter and it’s destroying the outside environment. This is getting bad as we need to maintain the outstanding feedback from the Ofsted report.”

Head teacher Mr Sellars has said that “it’s always a concern, as we pay to try and maintain the school so it is kept clean.” He further explained that “young people in society are seen as the culprits, but walking in to a town centre you see grown adults littering, which is disgraceful, and sets a bad example.”

People throwing litter on the floor probably aren’t aware that it takes thousands of years to degrade, which is becoming a concern in the town centre. That means if the students of North Axholme School keep throwing their waste on the ground it will make the current litter even harder to get rid of!

Chewing gum is also forbidden in this school and even though there are rules in place many people have and chew chewing gum around school. This will cost the school in extra funding, which they simply can’t afford.

However it is possible to get out of this litter phase. Only the Students of North Axholme can change the appearance of the schools yards. The only question is, will they?

Mrs List

‘Mrs List is a great asset’

By Morgan Nason

An aside you might not have seen??? Mrs List, the Head of Media, wrote for a local newspaper called the Retford Times. She wrote some articles such as alerts for missing dogs and local football teams. She told us that it has helped her a lot with her current job in media, in ways like the terms of camera angles, slogans, and experience which you can’t teach.

In her spare time at school Mrs List helps some students with course work and lets them use her computers at dinner.

Mrs List is a great asset to the school’s Media and we all give her our best support.

I’m in Year 7 and have just had Mrs List for Media. We have been doing about advertising and in the process I have learnt a lot about how to advertise and how to make a sellable product.

Our class has recently given a presentation in groups of about three. In my group was Abbey Savari and Daniel Wicks. We made a chocolate product called Choc-key. It was a chocolate keyboard. A little crazy I know but it’s better than Tic-tok chocolate watch which we thought of doing. We worked as a team and the end product was just how we wanted it.

Abbey Sarvari: “A lot of people litter and it’s destroying the environment.”

Lara: “No, I don’t think it looks good for the school to have litter around.”

Thomas: “No I don’t think it’s disgusting and it makes the school look bad.”

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Let’s face it girls, less is more for make-up at school

By Poppy Robinson

Wondering about this, I asked four boys of their opinion on girls that wear thick makeup. “I prefer less makeup, I hate plastic!” was one reply from a 16 year old. “A girl with less makeup. I hate too much makeup, it’s like kissing sand.”

It’s time for girls to realise that boys don’t want plastic girls with layers of makeup- a natural beauty wins every time. Everyone’s seen the programme Snog Marry Avoid. All the plastic girls with the plastic face and the plastic hair- they’re always the ones that are avoided. Covering your face in makeup doesn’t show the real you, and it ruins your skin. Too much thick makeup leads to spots, which once you’ve got, are incredibly difficult to get rid of. Is thick makeup which isn’t flattering really worth acne and spots?

All the girls with thick orange makeup, find a foundation to match your skin tone. Blusher and bronzer should be blended in, we don’t want to see stripes across your cheeks.

A natural look is so much more attractive than plastic. Just think, if you wear makeup like that to school, what are you going to do when it comes to going out? For an occasion?

There are girls in this school that are known for the amount of makeup they wear- they are talked about for it. Surely being known for wearing too much makeup isn’t a good thing? To know that people are laughing at you and talking about your makeup should persuade you to take a bit off.

So next time you’re applying your makeup, remember those three words- Less Is More.

By Katie Chester

We’ve been waiting for so long to wear cardigans. Now we can at North Axholme School.

Thanks to the valiant efforts of Student Council cardigans are now available as part of the School uniform - at long last. For a long time the council have been fighting for the right to wear cardigans in school. OK, it may seem that the humble cardigan is just another item of clothing but to students at North Axholme, cardigans are an issue. The reason for this is that students came in their own non-school uniform cardigans and things became a bit chaotic.

Some girls complained after they were told they could not wear cardigans they came to school in. After these incidents it was obvious something needed to be done. In addition to this the Student Council received lots of comments on the subject through word of mouth and the comment box. The comment box is a place where students put in their suggestions and opinions on issues in school. Girls commented that the cardigans were more feminine and cooler to wear in summer.

We interviewed head teacher, Mr. Sellars and asked him how popular he thought they would be. He commented “I hope so because student voice has come up with the idea. I think they look great. Hopefully we will get them out there.” They discussed this issue in Student Council and put together a presentation which was shown to Mr Sellars and the Governors. Olivia Parkin commented “I was nervous because I didn’t know what to expect. I think it went well and everyone said their part really well.” The new cardigans are black, waist high with embroidered school logos and everyone is generally really pleased with them. Mr Sellars stated “The cardigan looks really great and I was really impressed with the presentation.”

Cardigans are now in stock and are available to buy. There is a letter/order form at the front office with prices and sizes for cardigans. Prices range from £9.75 to £12. If there is anything you need to know speak to Mrs Hemmingway or look at the notice board next to the girls toilets.

Special thanks to Olivia Parkin, Natasha Stephens, Poppy Robinson, Miss Patrick and the rest of Student Council for their efforts towards the cardigans.

Rewards, add your ideas to the cabinet - it’s cheaper than buying it!

By Ben Ericson and Daniel Birklinshaw

You can choose what you want out of the cabinet. Some of these prizes already in the cabinet include: beads, books, games, a card that lets you into the canteen early, stationary, pencil case, cinema tickets and more!

You can carry your stars from your previous planner - Year 7 to Year 8.

How many points you need:

5 points - 1 star
25 points - 5 stars
50 points - 10 stars
100 points - 20 stars

Daniel Birklinshaw’s opinion on the rewards: “I think it would be better if we had more variety e.g. boys stationary, little things that people would like.

Mrs. Cox said: “I think there is a good choice as I try to buy different prizes each time I replenish the rewards cabinet but do find it hard to buy prizes for boys.”

If boys can come forward with any ideas, that would be good. To have your say go see Mrs. Cox at lunch or break, only serious ideas will be taken into account.
Stop bullying - please give us a helping hand!

By Chloe Kitching

It happens in all schools but at North Axholme we aim to STAMP OUT bullying.

But how can we boot out bullying in our school?

North Axholme Student Council came up with the idea of using a huge cardboard hand to represent our campaign to abolish bullying.

Everyone against bullying can sign it and show their support.

Poppy Robinson Year 10 and Mary Ann Cunningham Year 1 made the big hand out of cardboard and paper.

We also had a poster competition and the winning student got a cinema voucher and also got their design printed on to a t-shirt.

The eventual winner was Sapphire Sims Year 7. She is very happy that she won and thinks she definitely deserves to win!

French teacher Miss Patrick is more than happy to be the Student Council leader and has supported them because of all of the positive things in which they get involved, especially the highly successful drive to stop bullying.

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By Amelia Grace Pottage & Lynda Jane Braithwaite

In September, Year 7 had a ‘PLTS’ day. ‘PLTS’ stands for: Personal, Learning & Thinking Skills.

On that day we all started off by being squeezed into the hall, where Miss Collins and Mr. Thorpe told us that we were going to be rotating round in different classes but on the same subject ‘Spain!’ It was an exquisite day and everybody loved it and enjoyed it!

Mr. Thorpe was running the whole day because he teaches History and he came up with the idea. In these different classes we were in, there was: Spanish Dancing with a professional guitarist, acting out Spanish battles with Lego and much, much more…

Callum Butler said “I thought that PLTS day was alright, fun and different in some ways.”

Mr. Thorpe said it was good because “…he got to see us being creative and enjoying ourselves and working as a team!”

I think everybody thoroughly had a brilliant time at ‘PLTS’ day from start to finish.

Jamie’s snap put him in the frame for a VIP day

By Jamie Kaye

I was amazed when I got the phone call to say I’d won the photography competition and my prize was a VIP day at the National Media Museum at Bradford.

I found out about it by chance and I admit I did think my photo was good but not that good! It was of a motorbike camping rally and it was colourful and busy and I thought it summed up the genre of the competition, which was “This England, Our Yorkshire” and the brief was to take a photograph which depicted a typical Yorkshire summer (it was raining when I took it so that added to the authenticity?)

Anyway I won the competition and the prize was a VIP day out at the Bradford Media Museum for me and 3 mates with lunch, a photography workshop and a film in 3D on the IMAX screen (the biggest screen in England!) and included a goody bag for me.

The chosen ones were Max J (who takes art as an option with me) and James T and Luke E (who doesn’t but I think he’s calledland!) and included a goody bag for me.

I’ve been there a few times as we used to live not far from it when I was younger and it was somewhere we always took friends and relatives when they came to visit. So I’ve seen quite a few films in 3D and all of them have been amazing and the exhibitions change regularly so it was a new and different experience.

At 2.30pm we met up with Laura our workshop leader for a Photoshop editing session. The ICF editing suite we were in had loads of up to date equipment such as Apple Mace etc. We all knew a bit about Photoshop but we learned loads more such as how to professionally edit pictures. The session was very chilled and good fun. It lasted about 2 hours but the time flew.

There are loads of different collections and the museum is famous for having a few of the world’s earliest such as the earliest known surviving negative, the earliest television footage and the camera that made the earliest moving pictures in Britain.

The museum also has images from world class photographers and has a massive amount of new technology which is updating all the time. The collections include photography, cinematography, television and media mainly from the last century of film making. I liked the collection of old cameras. We tried our hand at being weather reporters, news readers, film producers and colourists and has a massive amount of new technology which is updating all the time. The collections include photography, cinematography, television and media mainly from the last century of film making. I liked the collection of old cameras. We tried our hand at being weather reporters, news readers, film producers and camera men.

We just had time to visit the souvenir shop, stock up on popcorn and collect our 3D glasses before the film started. The film was The Legend of the Guardians - The Owls of Ga’Hoole. I thought it might not be too interesting to our age group but I was wrong. Because of the surroundings and because we were watching it on the biggest screen in England it was fantastic and appeals to all ages because it all ends happily ever after!

The 3D experience is fantastic at IMAX it’s a totally different viewing experience, the film is all you see, it’s in your face, you’re unaware that there’s anyone else just you and the screen, you could be flying with the owls. 3D films easy outshine 2D, it was so spectacular, breathtaking. I also learnt a new word – parliament – nothing to do with the Prime Minister – a group of owls is called a parliament.

But all good things come to an end and soon the prize was over but of course we had to call at KFC on the way home, it would be stupid not to, after all we’re growing lads. Then home to investigate the contents of the goody bag which contained loads of media museum goodies, film stuff from Avatar, Disney etc., MP3 player speakers, a watch, a heat sensitive mug and much, much more.

This will be a day that will go down in my memories as one of the best. I would recommend the National Media Museum to anyone. I’d like to thank North Axholme School for letting me borrow the camera and to Mrs O’Horan for introducing me to serious photography. If it wasn’t for them then I wouldn’t have won the competition. I have now got my own camera which is one of the best. I would recommend the National Media Museum to anyone.

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By Georgia Wharton and Chloe Kitching

with the anti-bullying hand.
Here’s how we brought the NAX News to life!

A total of 23 students from Year 7 and 8 were chosen to write this student newspaper. We had guidance from Mrs Cox and Mrs Parkinson. We started to plan and write our articles before Christmas; unfortunately the next session was cancelled because of the snow. We had two days of writing the articles on 3rd and 10th of February. Lincoln University came on 22nd February to advise and help us put the articles into a newspaper format.

The news includes: reviews, clubs, news around the school, rewards and more! The students involved in making the newspaper pictured below are as follows:

Niamh Worley, Georgia Wharton, Morgan Nason, Calum Butler, Peter Castleine, Francesca Cheshire, Chloe Kitching, Ella da Costa, Lynda Braithwaite, Cameron Maxfield, Amelia Pottage, Katie Chester, Daniel Birkinshaw, Georgia Cram, Alisha Davies, Ben Ericson, Marissa Lee, Olivia Parkin, Becky Corrigan, Georgia Woollin, Charlotte Coulman, Brooke Robjhons and editor Poppy Robinson.

It took us along time to make this so please enjoy it!

Student’s dream come true, when teachers are slaves!

By Francesca Cheshire

Students learned more about how the Vikings lived around the 9th to the 11th century. Life was much harder back then but they’re contribution was much bigger than you would have expected without all the technology that we have today. They brought new words into our language. In fact there was a Viking army settlement just around Crowle.

Lynda Braithwaite Year 7 said: “It was hard work, I don’t think they had any fun in those times because they were busy working. They were always causing conflict because the Vikings conquered England and a lot of people weren’t very happy about it.” Georgia Wharton Year 7: “It was very interesting to find out what life was like back then. It felt strange to live without technology and without the things that we use every day.”

We got there we dropped off our bags got changed and sorted out the groups/families. After sorting out the groups we went down to the Viking style village.

After we reached the village, we were given our jobs and set to work. The jobs were, housework, protecting the village from attacking Saxons, sewing, farming, collecting wood and making oil lamps. Each family did two activities before lunch. At lunch two Mothers of two families and two Fathers of another two families sat on the table with the mistress of the village. Everyone was entertained with jokes and songs. After lunch we did another two activities then went to the gift shop.

Would you like your teacher or parent to be your slave for the day?

Year 7 students at North Axholme School were lucky enough to experience that at Murton Park in York. Murton Park is an interactive historical museum, where you are a Viking for the day, whilst living in a Viking style village, your teachers or adults are your slaves! Lunch was served by the slaves (teachers) in the dinner hall.

Parents of two families sat on the table with the mistress of the village. Everyone was entertained with jokes and songs. After lunch we did another two activities then went to the gift shop.

From the village we went to the gift shop. Unfortunately not everyone had a go at each job. After the gift shop we got back on the coach and came back to school and waited for our parents to pick us up.

Young and old in open debate

In November a range of students from around North Lincolnshire participated in an open debate, all about the different problems that have arisen around this area recently, focusing particularly on the relationship between the “young” and the “old” of the area.

This took place at Pfitwood House with Poppy Robinson, Bradley Mell and Georgia Cram representing North Axholme.

We discussed several different issues such as crime, alcohol and the facilities that are available for the youths of today. A great range of questions were asked such as “What is the panel’s opinion of the facilities for the teenagers in the local community?”

Everybody that attended the debate openly and clearly expressed their opinions, resulting in a friendly and lively debate. Everyone that attended agreed that the experience would have been even better if it was longer, giving a chance for the opinions to have been expressed further and expanded on. There would have been more of a chance to look at different views on each area of the debate.

Poppy Robinson said: “Many of you have expressed your concern at youths creating trouble and noise, and hanging around on street corners. In the village I live in, Crowle, there is nowhere for younger people to go. If we had a decent place to stay, or an area for younger people to go to, then we wouldn’t be on the streets. Even when we’re on the streets, the majority of us aren’t causing trouble. Community police officers move us along, for no reason other than people find us intimidating. We’re not being intimidating, we’re just standing there.”

A representative of the Seniors forum, agreed with Poppy’s comment, saying “I agree with that, the younger people aren’t being intimidating. It’s the older person’s view which is the problem here, not the youths. When we were younger, we stood on the streets, and so will every younger generation.”

There was a panel of 5 young and older people varying from different backgrounds. We feel that it was an amazing opportunity to bring these generations together and we hope it will encourage bridge building between the elderly and the young. It was also a great chance to support community cohesion.

(by Ben Ericson and Daniel Birkinshaw)

Students get into the swing of it at Murton Park.
Local park gets a makeover!

Our park has finally had a face lift at long last, after many years of campaigning; the eyesore that was Manor Park has been transformed into something rather special.

Five years ago, the green area behind Crowle Primary consisted of a place where people dumped litter, old tyres and youths vandalised to their heart’s content.

Now it has been refurbished with new swings, climbing frames and lots of other goodies and all thanks to Manor Park Fund. MPF is a small group of people wanting to make the park better for all ages.

We interviewed ex-chairman of Manor Park Fund David Parkin on his views of the new renovations. “I have been with Manor Park Fund for a while now and even though I’m not a chairman anymore I still attend the meetings and I’m proud of the progress we have made because the park is now being renovated!”

Jade Smith, 12, says “the park needs a lot of work and I would really like a zip wire, but my ultimate piece of equipment would be a tornado.”

Harry Barlow, 12, says “The Park is rubbish, I never go there because it is too mucky and nothing makes me want to go there; I would like it if there was a skate Park, helter skelter, half pipe and zip wire!”

And Milly Pottage, 11, says “The Park is terri-ble, there is vandalism everywhere and it is desper-ate need of repair, if they got the money, they should buy; swings slides and a gate so people can’t go in at night time and destroy it. They might need to employ a gate keeper to lock up at a night time and make the park secure.”

The park is now being renovated. There are gates with locks so that no one can get in at night.

There is a range of equipment in the park for different ages. From what we can see so far there is a tornado, zip wire etc.

We can’t wait until the park is finished and we are hoping that it is going to be a big success! It will be open from the 1st of March 2011.

Massive earthquake hits New Zealand

It has been confirmed that many people have been killed due to the devastating earthquake in Christchurch New Zealand, with many more feared dead.

One of the most powerful earthquakes, measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale - struck one of New Zealand’s biggest cities on Tuesday afternoon, sending tall buildings crumbling and crushing vehicles.

The services reacted very well and quickly to the situation, troops were deployed to help people evacuate from their homes. They have already res-cued many bodies from the collapsed buildings.

Left, collapsed buildings in Christchurch.

Getting a buzz from spelling

Primary School students were buzzing with excitement for a spelling competition.

The contest called a spelling bee took place at North Axholme School. It involved 15 pupils from primary schools in the area. The winner of the last man standing round was Callum Butler (11).

The winning team was Crowle Primary ‘The Crowle Crushers’ with 96 points. In second place were St. Nor-ber’s Catholic Primary School ‘Super Smashing Great’ and Althorpe & Keady ‘Speed Spellers’ both with 74.

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Here is some of the feedback from the school received.

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We have now had a spelling test to see who will take part in the “Times Spelling Bee” and got knocked out at the semi-finals, we were gutted.

“We thought it was because we didn’t practise enough. So we decided this year to promote the “Times Spelling Bee” and arranged practice sessions on a Wednesday lunch time in Mrs Brameld’s room to help the students progress further in the competition.

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If anyone wants to practise their spelling, join the fi-nalist’s in Mrs Brameld’s room on Wednesday’s at 1.00pm. For year 7’s only!”

Why don’t you see where Flat Stanley can take you?

The project is all about making a little paper cut out of yourself and attach it to a letter to the Flat Stanley telling someone all about yourself then you will you will receive another Flat Stanley from someone in another school.

Who knows maybe at the other side of the world? You get to keep their Flat Stanley for three weeks. Getting a buzz from spelling

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By Olivia Parkin and Alisha Davies!

By Cameron J Maxfield

By Francesca Cheshire

By Chloe Kitching
Viva Espana - we’re all off to sunny Spain!

By Brooke Robjohns and Marisa Lee

North Axholme students have been given the chance to go to Tossa De Mar in Spain. In total 39 students and four staff members are taking up this wonderful opportunity to visit southern Europe.

Finola Byron, who is in Year 8, will be going on the trip. She says: “I’m so excited! I’m hoping to learn about what Spain’s like and I’m looking forward to getting a sun tan!”

Thomas Sherlock is also in Year 8 and going on the trip. “I want to see some street artists in Spain. I can’t wait to spend three days in the sun, away from my parents!”

The staff members who will be going are Mrs. Grayther, Mr. Hall, Miss Patrick and Mr. Thorpe, who organised the trip.

The trip will take place from the 28th to the 31st of May. The group will be flying from Heathrow airport to Barcelona on British Airways, and then they will get a coach to Tossa De Mar.

The children will be staying in the Don Juan hotel, which is a 3 star hotel located in Tossa De Mar. Whilst they are there they will spend a day on the beach, playing beach football. They will also have a day in Barcelona visiting lots of cultural sites. Then they will have a day doing what girls like to do best – shopping!

The visit will provide the opportunity for students to open their minds to the culture of another European country.

All together the trip costs £345 each.

Minibus gives us a sporting chance

By Ben Ericson and Daniel Birkinshaw

The new minibus.

Time to take the terror out of exams

Perhaps the most terrifying thing at school is taking exams. But it need not be the ordeal that it’s made out to be. Among the most effective tips are:

• Make sure you have had something to eat on the exam day even if you are feeling very nervous.

• Allot plenty of time to get to the exam room because you need to be as calm as possible when you start.

• List carefully to all of the instructions you are given and read instructions on the paper itself.

• Keep an eye on the time as you take the exam to avoid last minute panic.

• If you are unsure about anything put your hand up and check.

• Circle the instruction commands in the question to make sure you are answering them correctly.

• Where there is a multiple choice take your time, read each one several times.

• Underline key words, stick to the point and keep referring back to the question.

• Use the information given in the exam paper, often the key to the answer is there.

• Write your answer if you feel confident. If not go on to the next question, don’t waste time.

• Answers the question don’t just repeat it.

• Does your answer make sense?

• Take extra care when spelling subject-specific words.

• Once you have answered all the more straightforward questions, go back and answer any you have skipped. Check for errors.

• Make sure your handwriting can be read.

• If you feel stressed out take a breath and try to stay calm.

North Axholme School has a new minibus! This is used for students going to sporting events such as cross country, hockey, table tennis and netball and taking students to other venues. We also use it to take students for off-site study and it is also used by our Partner Primary Schools.

The minibus only has 16 seats so its use is rather limited for large groups but (as said above) it is used for taking students for sporting activities or a dance workshop for example.

The Minibus is held in a garage constructed in the summer holidays. The school Minibus has got the school’s phone number and the school’s website address is on it with the logo. We have had a regular driver called Mrs Price, who takes us everywhere, she is really nice. Also the students who go on the minibus to events don’t pay because the school doesn’t have to rent buses from other companies.

Students given opportunity for a fun-packed adventure weekend away

By Brooke Robjohns and Marisa Lee

Students at North Axholme School have been given the opportunity to go to Caythorpe Manor in Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Whilst on the trip, the children will be getting involved in activities like the trapeze, zip wire, climbing, abseiling, archery, raft building, kayaking and fencing.

The trip will be a big opportunity to learn how to work in a group, and in a different environment.

The students will be accommodated in tents.

There will be four teachers going along too. They are Miss Harrison, Miss Downs, Miss Collins and Mr. Bartley.

Miss Harrison, who organized the trip, said: “We’ve been on PGL trips several times before and everyone enjoyed it. On this trip there is going to be a disco, as well as sports competitions, team challenges and other activities.”

There are around thirty students going on the trip, including Callum Butler, who is in Year 7. He said: “I’m looking forward to hanging out with my friends, as well as rock climbing and canoeing. I don’t mind having to stay in a tent because I like the outdoor life.”

They will be going for three days. The trip will take place from the 3rd to the 5th of June.

The total cost for this adventure holiday away is £109.

Sadness as Year 10 student Hayden Ali dies

By Georgia Cram

A Year 10 student, Hayden Ali sadly passed away on Saturday 12th February 2011 after being taken ill with leukemia just before half term.

Hayden was only a student at North Axholme since last September and was just getting to know the school and make new friends, even so students and staff will remember him as a very nice genuine young man with a great sense of humour.

The school marked Hayden’s passing with a whole school assembly and staff and students were represented at his funeral.

The school has decided to hold a non-uniform day to raise money and awareness for a leukemia charity.

Headteacher, Mr Sellars said: “We are all very saddened at Hayden’s death and send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.”
Staff and students get happy snappy!

Enjoy our photo round-up of the winning entries.

It’s all about keeping people in the picture!

Loads of people from the community took part in North Axholme school’s photo competition.

The competition was narrowed down to Staff, Community, KS3 and KS4. But only the best won!

The winners of the Staff competition were Mr Thorpe who came first.

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Science museum is such a hot destination!

By Callum Butler & Peter Castledine

On the 20th of January, 2011, the Year 7s went to Magna Science Museum in Sheffield.

We all went on a coach but a selected 15 or so of us went on the school minibus, driven by Mr. Carter. The trip took around 45 minutes and we arrived at around 9.45 am.

There were three groups of students who all went different ways. There are four different Pavilions, all to do with the different elements. Fire Pavilion, Water Pavilion, Earth Pavilion and Air Pavilion.

There were lots of different interactive displays, such as the water cycle, the Fire Tornado and everyone’s favourite, the Builders Lodge in the Earth Pavilion.

Then, we had our dinner and after having a quick munch, we went into the giant park outside for half an hour.

After a long trip back, we finally got back to school. Just in time to miss Maths too!
Top games reviewed

1. Halo Reach
2. FIFA 11
3. Call of Duty 5: World at War
4. Little Big Planet 2
5. Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit

Information

“Halo Reach”: Run around shooting aliens online multiplayer, or play campaign co-op or single or you can even make your own maps. Age Rating: 15

“FIFA 11”: Free Rome. Just you and the goalkeeper shoot against him and see if you score! Online Gaming: Play with friends or just with people you can meet online, in different game types. Career Mode: Play against the computer with your favourite team, you can be any team you want. Age Rating: 3.

“Call Of Duty 5: World at War”: Play as a Russian or an American fighting for Makin Atoll or fighting at Berlin, play against limitless zombies or play online and beat everyone else. Age Rating: 15

“Little Big Planet 2”: You have to save the world from a giant vacuum cleaner you can also make your own levels, from objects you find in the campaign. Age Rating: 3.

“Need for Speed: “Hot Pursuit””: Play as the police or character of your choice. Customize your car and race your friends in multiplayer make sure you win! Age Rating: 3

Our own movie magic...

By Becky Corrigan

SOMETHING dramatic happens every Thursday in the main hall at North Axholme School. If you want to see really good movies why not come along to the schools brilliant film club.

Different genres of films are chosen by students every week. The winning film is shown over the course of a few weeks. 

If you fancy some snacks why not watch the film a tack shop is available for those to travel by bus.

We interviewed Rowena Hill and Emily Clark year 9 students about the club.

They both said the club is good and they love the drama that it with holds and the range of films is equally spread.

Both girls told us their favourite films that has appeared in the club and both agreed on Princes of Persia as the ending comes across as clever creating that adventure feeling.

The club is every Thursday night and is from 3:30 – 4:30.

The best ever all-time songs

By Charlotte Coulman

- Beautiful – Christina Aguilera
- The scientists- Coldplay
- Time to Pretend – MGMT
- Angels – Robbie Williams
- My heart will go on – Celine Dion
- Stronger – Kanye West
- Umbrella – Rihanna
- New York – Alicia Keys
- Hey Mama – Black Eyed Peas
- Chasing Cars- Snow Patrol
- She will be loved – Maroon 5

The Head teacher, Mr. Sellars, said his favourite best ever song was 'Money’s too tight to mention’ by Simply Red.

What’s your ultimate song? Is it one of these?

Wii just love the lunchtime groove

By Amelia Pottage and Lynda Braithwaite

MISS Collins runs Just Dance every Thursday at 12:30 until 1:30pm.

It’s on the Nintendo Wii and it is a fun dance game, which gets set up and then the whole school can come along and join in. Sometimes, even if it’s right near the end the Dinner Ladies even come and have a good laugh and dance.

Four controllers are plugged in and are ready to be played with. Then the four students that volunteer get the first go, but everyone joins in anyway, if it is a fun and athletic.

We asked four year 7’s what they thought of Just Dance.

Blu Brears said “It is insanely awesome and fun when you have a gang of mates, the reason I like Just Dance is because it can be interesting what kind of moves they put on.”

Lynda Braithwaite said “My point of view is Just Dance is phenomenally great you can also get your wild side off your back!”

Bla Brears said “It is insanely awesome and fun when you have a gang of mates, the reason I like Just Dance is because it can be interesting what kind of moves they put on.”

Rebecca Markham said “Just Dance is an energetic, healthy, fun, and active and is great for your well-being.”
Mouth-watering healthy options

By Olivia Parkin and Alisha Davies

WE HAVE SOME LOVELY IDEAS which will really get your taste buds going!

Some of our school’s budding chefs have come up with some delicious recipes that not only taste good but are healthy as well! Healthy eating is encouraged by North Axholme school and all the recipes below are designed with good nutrition in mind.

FRUIT FLAP JACKS

Ingredients:
- 75g dried fruit
- 150g oats
- 50g sugar
- 50g butter or margarine

Equipment:
- 2x15ml spoons golden syrup
- 100g self raising flour
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g soft margarine
- 2 medium eggs
- 20g of dried fruit

Method:
1. Preheat the oven to 180°C or Gas Mark 4.
2. Chop the dried fruit into small pieces.
3. Place the butter or margarine, sugar and syrup into a saucepan and gently heat until the butter or margarine has melted.
4. Stir in the oats and dried fruit.
5. Pour the mixture into a non stick (or lined) baking tin.
6. Pat down the mixture in the baking tin.
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes until it’s slightly brown.
8. Remove from the oven and cut into bars in the baking tin while hot.

Top tips:
- Vary the type of dried fruit used, e.g. sultana, figs, mixed fruit.
- Add 1 x 5ml spoon of cinnamon, ginger or mixed spice to the oat mixture.
- Go for grated fresh apple or carrot.

MINI-FRUIT CAKES

Ingredients:
- 100g self raising flour
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g soft margarine
- 2 medium eggs
- 20g of dried fruit

Equipment:
- Weighing scales, mixing bowl, sieve, 12 cake cases, patty tin, wooden spoon, 2 metal spoons, cooling rack.

Method:
1. Preheat the oven to 200°C or Gas Mark 6.
2. Place the cake cases in the patty tin.
3. Sieve the flour into the mixing bowl and then add all the other ingredients.
4. Mix everything together until light and fluffy.
5. Stir in the dried fruit.
6. Divide the mixture equally between the cake cases using 2 spoons.
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes, until golden brown.
8. Allow to cool on a cooling rack.

Top Tips:
- Use different types of fresh or dried fruit e.g. diced apricots, fresh banana.
- Try adding a little spice, such as cinnamon or ginger.

What’s your favourite programme?

EVE RYONE loves TV, children, teens, adults and elderly.

But what programmes are the most popular? We chose 11 programmes on TV at the minute. We did a survey around North Axholme School and asked 184 students, what is your favourite TV programme? These were the results:

- Waterloo Road – 21 votes
- Coronation Street – 7 votes
- Emmerdale – 1 vote
- Dancing on ice – 5 votes
- Wild at heart – 13 votes
- Hollyoaks – 6 votes
- FRIENDS – 10 votes
- The Simpson’s – 26 votes
- Family Guy – 46 votes
- Total Wipeout – 13 votes
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We went around the school to five different classes, years, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B and 8L. We read out the TV programs to the class and asked them to pick one or if they couldn’t decide, two TV programs and we would write them down. The Head teacher of North Axholme, Mr Sellers chose FRIENDS as his favourite programme to choose from. Family Guy had the most votes with 46 and Emmerdale got the least amount of votes with just 1 vote.

Jessica Hughes (12) said: “Waterloo Road is my favourite TV programme because it’s got a good story line and very interesting, I love it!”. Morgan Clark (12): “Take me out is my favourite TV programme because it’s very funny and good entertainment.”

Joshua Broadbent (12): “I love Total Wipeout! Its funny when they get hurt and some people make me laugh”. Callum Morant (13): “Family Guy is funny and entertaining and the characters are very stupid”.

Alexandra Laurens (13): “I love the Simpson’s because they are amazing, and funny and they are yellow”.

Alexandra Binn (12): “Hollyoaks is amazing because it is dramatic and keeps me interested in the storyline, it can be a bit unreal but still good.

By Cameron Maxfield

IF YOU want to treat your Mum right this year, get her something special!

Mother’s Day this year is on the 3rd April. Your Mum has done so much for you, this is the one day of the year where you do something for her!

The gift that every Mum deserves, the gift that every body knows will treat your mum right this Mother’s Day!

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By Charlotte Coleman and Georgia Woollin

YEAR 9 Creative Partnership Sculpture Project

Year 9 students produce designs for an exciting new sculpture to be sited at the front of North Axholme Media Arts College.

Scaled down models are made in the metal workshop.

Students discuss ideas for their sculpture with Artist Jim Bond.
You’ve got to hand it to these puppet masters

By Georgia Wharton

Every year Mrs Cox organises two workshops, for pupils from the Partner Primary Schools which is run by Jo Miller from the 20-21 Visual Arts Centre to come along with their parents to have a good time.

Approximately 40 mums, dads and pupils from partner primary schools turned up. During the workshop a questionnaire was given out so we could see what people thought. Here are some of the positive feedback that we were given:

“I enjoyed working together with my daughter it would be good to do this more often” (parent from Crowle primary)

“it was great to watch my child being engaged throughout, whilst having fun” (parent from St. Norbert’s)

Pupils proudly show off their puppets.

Fancy a quiet lunchtime read?

By Becky Corrigan

Book Club is held on Friday lunchtime in Mrs Brameld’s room from 1-1.30 pm.

The club is made up of 4 members: Alex Bint, Katie Chester, Jessica Hughes and Becky Corrigan. Mrs Brameld runs the club she is enthusiastic about reading and is very dedicated. There is a selection of books to choose from some of which are horror and fantasy.

Jessica Hughes (8RT) said: “It’s a nice place to relax and I enjoy the fiction books that are on offer, however the genres I prefer include romance and comedy. To improve I think there should be more of each book as sometimes books have to be shared as a result we don’t all finish, particularly in the same time, but we manage”. Book Club also hold Café’s where buns and cakes were bought. All together they managed to raise £66.74 which is amazing. We plan to buy bean bags and cushions and carry on with our Café’s.

Book Review Falling by Sharon Dogar:

It is a unique cultural spin on a romantic story. In the words of the blurb “Are they falling in love or being pulled into the past – fated to replay a love affair ended in blood?” The two main characters are Sammy and Neesha. My favorite character was Neesha, reasons being because she was in the worst position but was still patient. She was also down to earth as well as brave. Neesha has a sixth sense and can heal people this could control her life but she doesn’t let it.

My favorite part in the book is the beginning where we find out exactly how Sammy and Neesha met and how they got to be where they are in the story. It is described really well and shows how fragile Neesha has become by what she has overcome.

I thought this book brought some important issues to my attention but unfortunately dragged on. I thought the beginning was really good but after a while I began to get bored. I would recommend this book to someone who likes a really sentimental read but it wasn’t for me.

By Katie Chester

Favourite Easter Egg

By Georgia Wharton

After asking a total 76 students and teachers from this school, what their favourite Easter egg is if they had to pick one. These are the results we had after taking our survey:

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Safeguarding briefing for parents and carers

During recent years, safeguarding in schools has become increasingly high profile. In response to this, there have been a number of national and local guidance documents published which have led to the development of a school safeguarding policy (available on www.northax.net).

Part of the schools strategy for tackling safeguarding issues involves raising the awareness of ‘risks behaviours’ with parents, carers and other family members within our local community. To this end, a second annual safeguarding evening is taking place at school between 6.20pm and 9.00pm on Wednesday 9th March 2011.

The purpose of this meeting is to raise the awareness of current issues surrounding E-Safety, Sexual Health and Drugs and Alcohol Misuse, particularly in relation to secondary aged children. During the evening, attendees will visit three 40 minute workshops delivered by specialists from within the local authority.

If you wish to attend the briefing please contact the school reception on 01724 710368

By Morgan Nason

Time to make the perfect pancake

Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is celebrated on the 8th of March. Even though this is a non religious event many people celebrate it around the country, it has been a tradition since 1000 AD. Below is a recipe you can try to make your pancakes flipping perfect!

Makes about 8

Ingredients –

- 4oz of flour (100g)
- Half a pint of milk (250ml)
- 1 standard egg
- Half a teaspoon of salt

1. To make the pancake batter, add the milk, egg and then the flour and whisk using an electric blender or by hand until smooth.
2. Heat a little oil in a large frying pan until hot and then pour enough batter to thinly coat the base of the pan. Cook for a couple of minutes each side.
3. Serve sprinkled with sugar and lemon juice. Alternatively drizzle with golden syrup or jam.

By Morgan Nason
Wordsearch

Down:
1. This celebrity has lost her baby recently!
2. What do you say when you greet your friends?
3. Morning is a morning show.
4. Fluffy pet but can be wild animal
5. HELLO hello hello
6. Who is the owner of the XFactor and "Britain’s Got Talent"

Across
1. Alice is in my room!
2. Who wrote the song money money money
3. How many times did Gillian McKeith pass out on "I’m a Celebrity"
4. The youngest Simpson!
5. A pastry which can be filled with anything.

Answers on the bottom of the page

Can you name the teacher?

By Ella Da Costa and Niamh Worley

Yes that is a person; you just can’t see her/him! Can you guess who this well known teacher is?
Is it...

A) Miss Downs
B) Mr Pennett
C) Miss Harrison

Can you guess??
Is it...

A) Mrs Major
B) Mrs Smith
C) Mrs Cox

See if you get it right!

This is a very well known teacher. She/He is also married to another teacher in school...
Is it...

A) Mrs Carter
B) Mr Wayne
C) Mr Carter

Can you guess who?

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By Amelia Pottage and Lynda Braithwaite

Horoscopes...
where your dreams might come true

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CAPRICORN
22nd Dec-20th Jan
You will meet your adorable favourite celebrity!

AQUARIUS
21st Jan-19th Feb
You will find the perfect partner.

PISCES
20th Feb-20th Mar
You’ve been through some tough times so your friends are most precious to you at the moment.

ARIES
21st Mar-20th Apr
You’ve found the perfect pair of shoes but you need to find a present for your Mum, but you only have enough money to buy one. Which one will you choose?

TAURUS
21st Apr-21st May
Your enemy buys you a drink for the first time.

GEMINI
22nd May-22nd Jun
You have a little stumble in your life as you take a deep breath falling into a mountain of rubble, not everything always turns out right.

CANCER
23rd Jun-23rd Jul
Your partner gets a job along way, away, will you go with them?

LEO
24th Jul-23rd Aug
The world will end in 2012 and it will be your entire fault!!!

VIRGO
24th Aug-23rd Sept
You will be pushed and peer pressured to get the promotion that you never wanted!

LIBRA
24th Sept-23rd Oct
Your personal life has gone out of your hands and is everybody else’s gossip!

SCORPIO
24th Oct-22nd Nov
You slip and find a £2,000 pound cheque, but will you keep it?
On the 18th of November 2010 the Year 7's completed 2 figures of eight on North Axholme school field and the top 10 boys and top 10 girls were picked for the Cross Country team. These are the people on the team:

Boys
1. Thomas Duke (12)
2. Connor Lovatt (11)
3. Owen Fletcher (11)
4. Connie Chafor (11)
5. Ella Da Costa (12)
6. William Brookesley (12)
7. Daniel Griffiths (12)
8. Thomas Dowling (11)
9. Tom Smith (12)
10. Jack Martinson (12)

Girls
1. Olivia Whittingham (11)
2. Natasha Crow (12)
3. Victoria Fox (11)
4. Connie Chafor (11)
5. Ella Da Costa (12)
6. Chelsea Wood (12)
7. Abbie Smith (11)
8. Chloe Brookesley (12)
9. Indianna Staniforth (11)
10. Phoebe Shipman (12)

The students who took part were: Nicole Curtis, Sarah Howe, Katie Chester and Rachel Capsticks. The Year 9 boy's team was: Cameron Jarman, Ben Hyde, Ryan Browse, Greg Bruns, Jordan Web, Tom Smith, Ross Sykes, Mitch Mason, Jake Gowlett and Tom Jackson.

Triumph for table tennis team

In October four girls in Year 8 took part in a Table Tennis tournament against St. Lawrence. It was very close and there had to be a deuce round. However through the skin of their teeth they got through. The team had now become North Lincolnshire Table Tennis Champions. But despite this, it wasn’t over. They now had to take part in a county championship at St. Mary’s college in Hull. After the long journey there they played Table Tennis against another team. Unfortunately they lost, however they all felt that it had been a good experience. Rachel Capsticks commented “we had fun and improved our Table Tennis a lot.”

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Basketball: David and Goliath again!

By Katie Chester

The trophies are now in the basket. We took on some serious rivalry and beat them. For four weeks the Year 9 boys Basketball team took on some really serious competition in their knock out tournament. They faced five other schools as part of an ongoing attempt at the trophy. It was a real David and Goliath scenario as the hosting school is a sports academy.

Everyone enjoyed it and in the last week there was a presentation. Overall they came third and Miss Downs commented “They played really well considering they were playing people with more experience.”

Also two Year 9 girls teams were entered and competed against two other teams. This competition lasted two weeks and everyone really enjoyed it. The Year 9 ‘A’ team unfortunately didn’t take the title however they gave the hosting team a run for their money. The Year 9 ‘B’ team came third and picked up some vital experience for next years everyone really enjoyed it. Georgie Crann said “It was challenging and exciting learning a new sport that we haven’t done before”.

The students involved for the girls team were: Dannii Lovatt, Molly Jennings, Shannon Robinson, Kirsten Carney, Dawn Girling, Amber, Nicole Curtis, Alexandra Blint, Alexandra Hall, Katie Chester and Rachel Capsticks. The Year 9 boy’s team was: Declan Jarman, Ben Hyde, Ryan Browse, Greg Bruns, Jordan Web, Tom Smith, Ross Sykes, Mitch Mason, Jake Gowlett and Tom Jackson.

Finally, there is Basketball Coaching on Mondays after school from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. This will go on for 12 weeks and will culminate in a 3v3 competition at Ancholme Leisure Centre, Brigg. Students who take part will be playing teams from other schools in North Lincolnshire.

Year 7’s discover a new way to exercise and have fun

By Amelia Pottage and Lynda Braithwaite

Year 7’s have been doing Orienteering every Friday for the past month. It’s a different kind of sport, but it’s more fun and energetic than hard working and boring. Most people enjoy Orienteering because we get to go outside and not just stay in and play sport. Orienteering isn’t for everybody but it sure is good for your health!

You are given a map of the school and a slip of paper with 10 empty boxes. There are letters on the map from ‘A’ to ‘J’, you’ve got to find all the numbers before the 42 minutes runs out! The letters and numbers could be anywhere within the school grounds. It’s really fun, energetic and adventurous!

Peter Castledine said, “I enjoy Orienteering because it lets us explore parts of the grounds we don’t normally get to go on!”

You only have 42 minutes to find all of your numbers before the time runs out. It is also a good way to express your feelings and to explore nature.

Hockey: at last the county round calls

By Peter Castledine & Callum Butler

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