



New Mills School & Sixth Form NEWSLETTER

December 2017



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January/February Dates for your diary

03.01.18	Students return to school
04.01.18	Y13 Certificate Presentation Evening
08.01.18	Reading Week
12.01.18	Y11 & Y13 Results Assembly
12.01.18	Y11 & Y13 Snapshots sent home
18.01.18	Y11 Parents' Evening
25.01.18	Y13 Parents' Evening
02.02.18	Y9 Snapshot sent home
05.02.18	Y11 Catering Practical Assessment Week
08.02.18	Y9 Parents' Evening
12.02.18	Y11 Catering Practical Assessment Week
16.02.18	Students break for half term



Dear Parent/Carer

We have had another very busy term. Students have been busy raising money for charity. In November we had a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need and they raised £474.75. There are two charity events running during December, 'Operation Christmas Child'. Our students have brought in items to put into a shoebox which will be sent to children outside of the UK who are affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. We will also be holding our annual Christmas jumper day on December 15th to raise money for Save the Children.

I would also like to thank our Head Boy and Head Girl, Sebastian Southwell and Alice Banister who attended the Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 12th at St Georges Church and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

On Sunday November 26th I was invited to speak at New Mills Revival Church. The theme was 'Children' and I was asked to speak about the journey the school has been on and what our vision is for the future. It was lovely to see some of our parents, staff and students at the service. I would also like to thank Janice and Peter Bird as well as the rest of the congregation for the generous financial gift they gave the school. This is very much appreciated and I look forward to continuing to build links between ourselves and the Church.

The Music Department has also been incredibly busy this term spreading some festive cheer. This began with our 'Winter Music Evening' which was held in November and was very well attended by parents, relatives and students. The evening was a wonderful showcase of the talent we have at New Mills School which ranged from group performances to duets and some outstanding solo performances.

On Friday, 15th December some of our music students went out into the local community to deliver Christmas music. This included a workshop for children at New Mills Nursery, a concert for New Mills Primary School and a performance at the outdoor terrace in New Mills' Town Centre. Finally, the term will end with a Carol Service at St George's Church for Years 7 & 8 on Monday, 18th December at 2.10 pm. and for all parents, carers and their children on Monday evening between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm.

I would like to thank Miss Plant and all staff who have helped with the many music performances for all their hard work this term and all the students who took part.

Sadly there are two members of staff leaving us this term. Mr Horan will be leaving after being with us for the last year, I would like to thank him for his support and we wish him well in his new adventures. We will also be saying farewell to a long serving member of staff, Mrs Turner, who is retiring after 17 years' service to the school as a Teaching Assistant. I would like to thank Mrs Turner for her dedication and commitment to the school and the students she has supported over the years, I know she is going to be missed by both staff and students.



Our retiring Tombola Queen

Finally, I would like to wish all the students, staff, parents and carers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

Debbie McGloin
Headteacher

Online Safety



The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? With the Christmas holidays fast approaching I would like to take some time to remind parents about ensuring your child remains safe online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. We have grouped potential online risks into these 4 categories.

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information:

Children need to be aware of the impact that their online activity can have on both themselves and other people, and the digital footprint that they create on the internet. It's easy to feel anonymous online and it's important that children are aware of who is able to view, and potentially share, the information that they may have posted. When using the internet, it's important to keep personal information safe and not share it with strangers. Discuss with your child the importance of reporting inappropriate conversations, messages, images and behaviours and how this can be done.

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children: Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias. Children may need your help as they begin to assess content in this way. There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.

Contact: children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them: It is important for children to realise that new friends made online may not be who they say they are and that once a friend is added to an online account, you may be sharing your personal information with them. Regularly reviewing friends lists and removing unwanted contacts is a useful step. Privacy settings online may also allow you to customise the information that each friend is able to access. If you have concerns that your child is, or has been, the subject of inappropriate sexual contact or approach by another person, it's vital that you report it to the police via the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk). If your child is the victim of cyberbullying, this can also be reported online and offline. Reinforce with your child the importance of telling a trusted adult straight away if someone is bullying them or making them feel uncomfortable, or if one of their friends is being bullied online.

Commercialism: young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites:

Young people's privacy and enjoyment online can sometimes be affected by advertising and marketing schemes, which can also mean inadvertently spending money online, for example within applications. Encourage your children to keep their personal information private, learn how to block both pop ups and spam emails, turn off in-app purchasing on devices where possible, and use a family email address when filling in online forms.

Useful contacts

- Call Derbyshire (Derbyshire County Council Social Services) 01629 593 193
- Child Line 0800 1111
- Online issues or exploitation contact Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency (CEOP)
- <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>
- Suspicion that a young person is at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation- contact Safe and Sound 01332 362120

Or contact:

Police 101 (999 in an emergency)

Crimestoppers UK 0800 555 111



Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year

Mr Withers

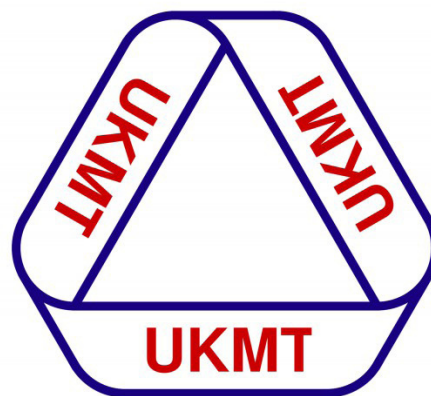


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UKMT Senior Challenge (United Kingdom Maths Trust)

Each year NMS students participate in national challenge events run by the United Kingdom Maths Trust to provide an enhanced challenge to our most able mathematicians. The best candidates are invited to take part in additional challenges that might lead to qualification to the National Maths Olympiad. November saw our Y13 mathematicians participate in the UKMT Senior Challenge. Best in school award goes to Kier Chetham but well done also to Kallam Taylor and Manusha Wettasinghe. Next up will be the Intermediate Challenge for students in Y11-9 in February 2018 with the Y7&8s participating in the Junior Challenge in April 2018.



Senior Team Maths Challenge

DofE at NMS

The first group of participants, having completed their enrollments are now well and truly underway with a range of activities that will eventually see them attain a Bronze award from the DofE scheme. In the coming months they will demonstrate their resilience, determination and general strength of character by undertaking Voluntary work, Physical activity and improving their Skills. With this completed they will plan and train for a two day Expedition as the final activity before gaining their Bronze DofE award in July.

It's a tough programme, but one that enables positive self-development and a real sense of achievement. Precisely because of this DofE awards are also a

valuable addition to CVs when applying for job or further/higher education courses. With this in mind we will be inviting another group of participants in Y9 to begin the challenge in the new year.

As our programme expands we will also have opportunities for parents and families to volunteer to support our student complete their awards. Again, there will be more details in the new year but we would equally welcome anyone with previous experience with DofE or outdoor leadership as we would anyone with some time to spare in the afternoons to help the participants keep their activity logs up to date.

Chess Club

The NMS Chess Club has started once again on Monday lunchtimes in M2 - our last year's Delancy Chess Challenge winner Sophie Blackmore would welcome a game if you're up for it. Everyone is welcome from aspiring 'Grand Masters' to absolute beginners with no previous experience who would like to learn how to play.



Well done Ruby!

Ruby Roberts in Y8 has raised money to help those caught up in the Manchester bombings. Ruby is pictured here in the Nursing paper for the Manchester area. Ruby's came up with the idea to make goods and then sell them to raise money for a thoughtful cause.

News - Trust stories

Ruby's heartfelt donation to Manchester Arena families

ELEVEN year old Ruby Roberts was so moved after the terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena in May that she wanted to do something to help.

Ruby, who is the daughter of Tyrone Roberts, director of nursing at the Bury and Rochdale Care Organisation, very kindly sold drawings, keyrings and bracelets that she had made at Thornsett Primary School and raised a fabulous £77. The donated money was then spent on memory boxes which were given to the relatives of loved ones who had sadly died.

The memory boxes contain a variety of items such as teddies, a keepsake candle, an imprint photo frame, flower seeds and cards so that the families can look through the items and remember their precious family member.

When Ruby was shown an example of a box her fundraising went towards purchasing she was so touched she said: "Wow, this makes it all very real and that the money I raised will actually buy things like this."

Drawing and art are Ruby's favourite hobbies as she likes to express herself through her pictures and artwork. She therefore also drew a picture for the newly opened SWAN Bereavement Suite at Fairfield General Hospital which now takes pride of place in the centre.

Alice Davies, assistant director of nursing for palliative, end of life care and bereavement, said: "We are so grateful for Ruby's kind donation and are extremely proud to display her beautiful picture in our centre."

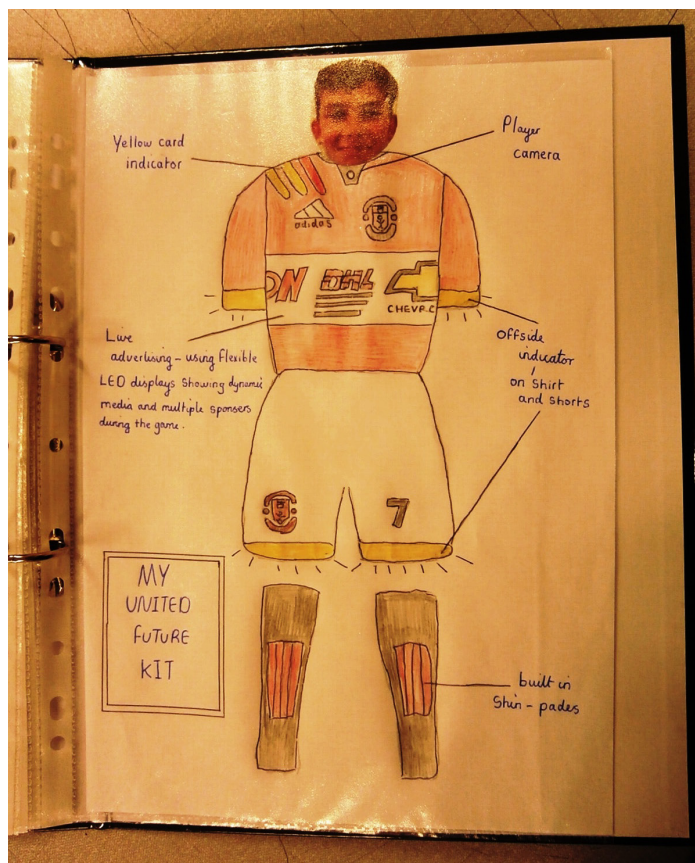
Proud dad Tyrone, said: "Ruby worked so hard on this and it was all her own idea. I am of course hugely proud – suffice to say I think we'll see more of Ruby in the NHS in the future!"



CAPA Faculty Year 9 Futures Homework Project

Well done to our Year Nine Pupils who have just completed an ambitious CAPA homework project. Art, Music Drama and PE have joined together for one term to set a homework that challenges independent learning skills and develops growth mind-set strategies. We purposely do not give pupils examples from last year's successes because we want everyone to come up with their own ideas based upon their own interests. A pupil who is highly motivated in extra-curricular PE, Music, Art or Drama may wish to develop a project that relates to their special interest in one particular subject. Families may choose to learn something together. Essentially, this is an excellent opportunity for pupils to try something new, or have the time to work on a project that they are passionate about.

The key element is that pupils try something out. We expect to see research at the beginning of the project, but the next step is what each pupil does with that research and knowledge. Pupils submitted sketchbooks, films, animations, power-points, models, sculptures, paintings, cakes, their own musical compositions and much more.





Technology

Technology has changed the Olympics a lot!

Swimming-
The LZR swimsuit was created for swimmers at the Beijing Olympics in 2008, where a remarkable 98% of all medalists wore the outfit.

Compressing the torso, while adding buoyancy, it helped swimmers wearing the suit break almost 100 world records in under 18 months. Rule changes were inevitable and now both the length and texture are under stricter parameters.

Running-
A false start is determined by sensors in accredited starting blocks, which

I started Musical Horrors at the age of 6 because of my mum. She took me to rehearsals. It appeared in my first show at the age of 8 which was 'The Christmas Superstar' at the plaza in Stockport.

My friend and I started our musical career being a folk singer in pubs and theatres. He then became an actor in a career as a dramatic actor. After many years he changed to building sets for shows.

I did several more shows and then my mum enrolled me in dance school in that part which was a great dance school. This was found by my friend Louise Gokery who is a friend of my mum. She works the same dancing school when she was kids.

My Mum started as a dancer in the 1950s. She went on to be a principal roles and now she does choreography for new musicals.

In the last 2 years I have learnt a lot about musicals and choreography. I have also become interested in the way people act on stage particularly in the way they act and how they act.

Some exams in this next year, and now take private lessons as well.

Summer Olympics

Olympic games they have the summer Olympics (track & field) and other Olympics (swim, water polo, skiing).

The part on the track suggested in green is the slow race. These are 400m in this part when it comes to the size of the track, normally here because it starts out at the end instead of curving around.

If you go round like the blue line from the start to finish it is 400m.

In sports people stay in their lane but start at different points to make it fair.

Then there is the steep climb. The orange crosses represent the steep climb which is basically a very big hill. This is the same for the orange climb but the crosses are a little bit different because they have water after them.

3000m, 7 1/2 laps.

In addition to track and field there are a range of other sports like swimming, diving, gymnastics, etc.

Field:
Where you throw it by bringing it across your arm. You hold it at arms length and spin around and you jump over a bar set at a certain height and you throw a long spear like stick as far as you can. You run up and jump as far as you can. The stick is very high but you jump with a pole, you like long jump but you jump with a pole.

Alpine Skiing- You start on a big ramp and go down on skis at the end of the ramp it picks up and you have to jump as far as you can (leave the edge)

Biatlon- It is the joining of 2 sports, skiing and shooting (they use rifles)

Bobsleigh- Teams make timed runs down frozen, winding, banked, icy track in a gravity-powered sled

Cross Country Skiing- Like cross country running but skis

Curling- A team sport played by 2 teams of 4. You have to brush the ice in front of the curling stone and try to get it as far as you can.

Figure Skating- Ballet on ice, moves and choreography.

Freestyle Skiing- It combined speed, showmanship and to perform aerial manoeuvres while skiing.

There are also many other things there but these are just a few of them.

Futuristic Hover Feet

Futuristic Phone

Futuristic Money Chip Cards

Futuristic body part

Future Sports - VR Dodgeball

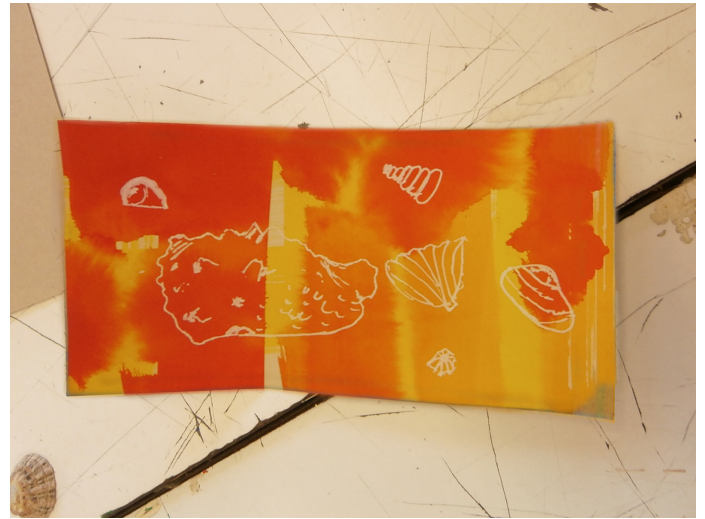
Clothes

Croms

Year 7 and 8 drawing ideas and experiments lunchtime Art Department Workshop

On Tuesday 7th November we held a drawing workshop with our artist in residence Amanda Whewell challenging year 7 and 8 pupils to draw in new and faster ways that included in their opposite hand and with their drawing hand covered, with surprisingly sophisticated results that they then developed into a white pen illustration. These activities are similar to drawing workshops that take place on A-Level and foundation courses and develop not only art skills but resilience, reflection and team work.





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Poetry Pays!



If you need to top up your savings after splashing out at Christmas, have a look at The 'Christopher Tower Poetry Competition'. It's only available for Y11-13, but the prizes may tempt you into having a go.

2018 Christopher Tower Poetry Competition – Press Release

Every year, six young people scoop a total of **£5000** in prize-money for writing a poem. Our first prize is **£3000**, second **£1500**, and third **£500**, with three runner-up prizes of **£250** each. And all this for a poem on a set theme, judged each year by a panel of successful contemporary poets.

The theme this year is 'Secrets'.

The competition is **completely free to enter**. It's open to people aged between 16 and 18, who are in full- or part-time education in the UK. Every single entry is read and judged anonymously.

Our winners come to a presentation event in Oxford, in Christ Church, and the top three each year win places on our Tower Poetry Summer School, held every two years in August, also in Christ Church.

Since 2000, the Tower Competition has been the most lucrative award for young British poets, and has seen many winners go on to writing careers. This year, the entries will be judged by poets Christopher Reid, John Fuller, and Peter McDonald.

To enter the competition, go to www.towerpoetry.org.uk/prize. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to stay updated.

The closing date for entries is the **2nd of March 2018**.

(Have a look online)

<https://youtu.be/RIMtsOF-GjI>

Y7 and 8 Halloween Party

Things got spooky in October as we hosted a Halloween Party for year 7 and 8. There were some fantastic costumes for the fancy dress competition with Leonie Astill in 7JTr winning first prize for her 'spooky bride'. Pupils got to dance to their favourite songs as well as getting a picture in the photo booth. The highlight of the night involved our year 11 helpers leading a group dance to Thriller! The event was a great success and raised over £100 towards the Elderly friends Christmas party.

A big thank you to all who came along!



Science trip to Italy

October half term saw 30 New Mills students from year 8 to 11 visit the Bay of Naples on an Earth Science themed trip. From their base in Sorrento students visited the majestic Vesuvius Volcano which was brought to life by their volcanologist guide. They also saw the impact that volcanoes can have on human societies by visiting the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum that were destroyed by the great eruptions of AD79. The students also had time to visit Naples to go to the Zoological museum with a lecture from a natural scientist on the local fauna and biodiversity as well as a visit to the underground tunnels of the city. The trip was a huge success and gave our students the ability to see potential science careers.



Crest science club

Seven year 9 students are currently working towards a Crest Silver Award – a nationally recognised scientific qualification. Students will be developing their investigative skills by carrying out research into the problems of plastics around the globe. Students will be developing a range of bioplastics from natural materials such as milk and corn and testing them to compare their strength and decomposition times compared to current hydrocarbon based plastics.

Students have chosen this theme after carrying out research into the controversial issues concerning plastics and the pollution they cause. They hope to find a real alternative to the problem. We will keep you informed on their findings.



Bug House Update!!

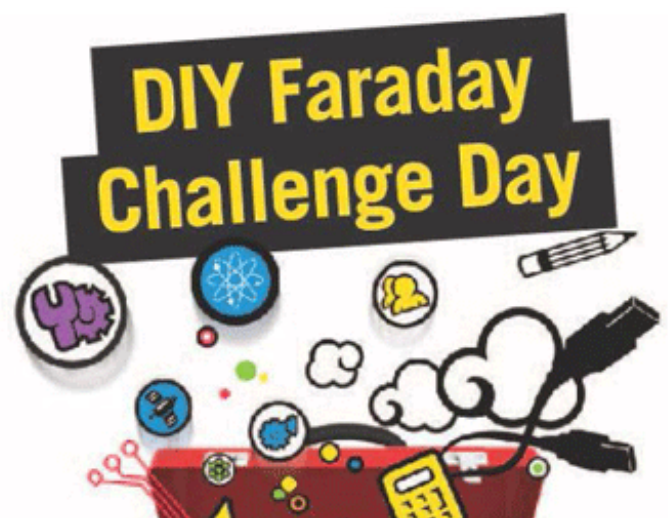
You may remember that back in June, Tegan-Rose Morris won our Science Wildlife Garden competition. Construction of her Bug House design is now well under way – several of the basic frames have been completed by students from Mr Williams' Year 10 classes in Design and Technology. The next phase of the project is the installation of the frames in the

garden itself. Our gardener, Craig, has positioned pallets ready for the frames to go on in the New Year. Finally, the Gardening Club and Young Chamber will be completing the houses, with materials designed to encourage all manner of bugs and creepy-crawlies to take up residence.

Faraday Challenge

Mr Williams took a team of year 8 students to Buxton Community School to participate in the Faraday Challenge.

The Faraday Challenge gives students the opportunity to research, design and make solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems. The students worked on a car design problem. Their teacher, Mr Williams said: "The students were amazing and have really done the school proud. They worked so well as a team and impressed everyone with their independence. Zero teacher help was allowed so the ideas are totally the students' own."





DROP IN CAFÉ

IF YOU ARE A CHILD, OR THE PARENT OR CARER OF A CHILD WITH A LEARNING DIFFERENCE AND WANT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES OR HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD, COME TO THE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AND HAVE A CUPPA AND CAKE WITH MRS WINTERBOTTOM FROM 4.15-5.30 PM!

ON THURSDAY'S AS FOLLOWS:

- 23RD NOVEMBER 2017
- 14TH DECEMBER 2017
- 18TH JANUARY 2017
- 15TH FEBRUARY 2018
- 15TH MARCH 2018
- 24TH MAY 2018
- 21ST JUNE 2018

SEN Policy Review Parents' Meetings
in the Student Development Centre from 6-7pm.

- Thursday, 14th December 2017
- Thursday, 15th March 2018
- Thursday, 5th July 2018

Have you
downloaded
the new
SIMS Parent
app?

Receive alerts
about your child's
attendance, behaviour
and achievement,
direct to your phone.



Simply visit the App or Play Store and
download SIMS Parent to get started.

Or login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

Ask your school for more information.



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The app was launched at New Mills School in November. If you have not received your invitation email or need more information please email Alison Hesford, Data Manager - ahesford@newmillschool.co.uk

HIGH PEAK MULTI AGENCY TEAM



LINK is a new support group, for parents and carers of children and young people, who are on the Autistic spectrum or who have Autistic traits and or ADHD.

Offering an opportunity for parents to share experiences and advice in a confidential and non-judgemental environment.

The Group meet every Friday at:

Chapel Youth Centre

25 High Street

Chapel-en-le-frith

High Peak

Derbyshire

SK23 0HD

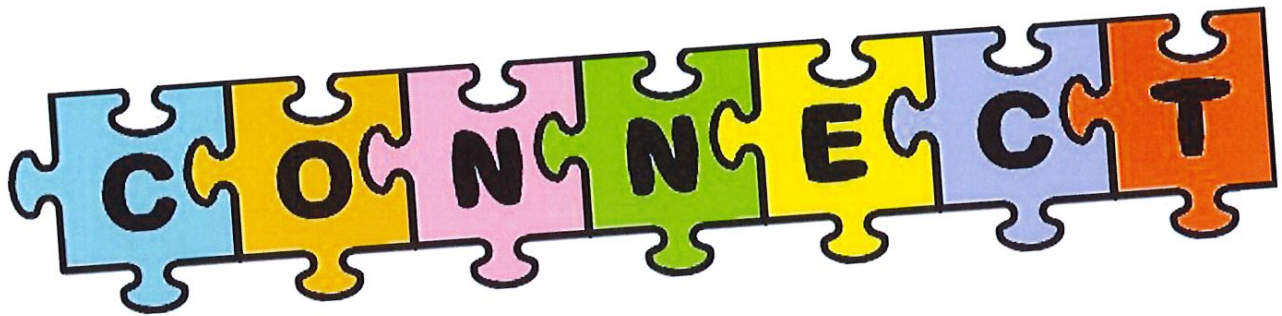
10:00 – 12.00 noon

For further information please contact Sam Nally or

Nicola Bruce, High Peak Multi Agency team on

Tel: 01629 533 844

GLOSSOPDALE MULTI-AGENCY TEAM



A new support group for parents/carers of children, who are exhibiting autistic traits and challenging behaviour.

The aim of the group is to offer advice, support and an opportunity for parents to exchange ideas and information.

We hope to be able to offer advice from professionals and suggest strategies to help parents/carers cope when faced with challenging situations.

Connect will meet on Thursday mornings, 10 -12 noon at Glossop Children's Centre, Victoria St, Glossop.

Please feel free to call in or contact Maxine Derrett, Family Support Worker, at the Centre on 01629 533847 or my mobile is 07799644289





3R's Stars

Year 7

Amelia Aldridge
Bea Bancroft
Ru Chetham
Holly Dunphy
Erin Barton

Kimberley Fletcher
Maddison Griffiths
Isla Hutchins
Samuel Leach
Kiera Woolley

Year 8

Kieran Hewitt
Freya Bates
Samuel Bennett
Ella Brennand
Alice Sinfield
Lexie Wagstaff
Hannah Gilsean
Lucy Jennings

Elizabeth Waterhouse
Isobel Skelton
Keira Williams
Lenana Cooper
Samuel Leach
Kiera Woolley



3R's Stars

Year 9

Charlotte Emmett
Tabatha Gell
Phoebe Hill
Amelia Bates
Eva Hutchins
Beatrice Dean

Jon-Luc Armstrong
Madison Bowers
Eden Jones
Poppy Paton
Molly Pugh
Imogen Taylor

Year 10

Katie Oxley
Rosie Edwards
Amy Garside
Grace Johnston
Isla Malczak
Danny Woodrow

Emma Duncan
Lucy Gough
Reece Maluszycki
Mhairi Jennings
Ellie Johnson

Year 11 3R's Stars

Emily Body

Neve Meats

Lorna Richardson

Violet Armstrong

Freiah Allen

Zoe Bagnall

Polly Bartels

Lauren Blease

Emily Hirst

Diluni Prathapasin

Morgan Tyrrell

Kieran Hughes

Tyler Rathbone



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Top Ten Attainment

Year 11

Lorna RICHARDSON

Zoe BAGNALL

Neve MEATS

Polly BARTELS

Emily BODY

Kieran HUGHES

William FERMER

Emily HIRST

Violet ARMSTRONG

Alice BANISTER



Top Ten Progress

Year 11

Diluni PRATHAPASIN

Emily BODY

Emily HIRST

Neve MEATS

Freiah ALLEN

Lorna RICHARDSON

Latisha BRADLEY

Morgan TYRRELL

Zoe BAGNALL

Tyler RATHBONE



New Mills School Year 11 Futsal Team are High Peak Champions

The Year 11 boys Futsal Team competed against 5 teams from across the High Peak at Chapel High School to compete for a place at the County Finals in Derby.

The standard of football from the New Mills Team was outstanding. The boys were undefeated on the night with 4 wins and a draw. The hosts Chapel High School came to the event with a very strong team and a 0-0 draw was enough to leave New Mills needing a victory in the final game against Buxton Community School to become High Peak Champions and it was an outstanding team performance that won the game and subsequently the title. The year 11's will now play the best teams in Derbyshire as High Peak representatives at Derby University in December, well done boys.



New Mills Success at the High Peak Cross Country Trials

Congratulations to members of New Mills School Cross Country Team that qualified to represent the High Peak in the Derbyshire School Cross Country Championship at Tupton in January.

New Mills School's best runners competed against more than 200 of the High Peaks best athletes and performed to a very high standard in in very difficult conditions. New Mills hosted the annual event at the pavilion and the runners were faced with very muddy and wintry conditions to book their place in the High Peak team for the County Finals in January.

Callum Ramsay (12th), Jack Catteral (5th), Imogen Taylor (8th) and Lily Dalkin-Strube (13th) all ran exceptionally well and will represent the High Peak and have a very good chance of making the National Championships next year. Every school in Derbyshire feeds into this competition and to have 4 of our athletes in the top 12 in the trials in their respective age groups is an outstanding achievement for New Mills School. Well done and thank you to all the runners that competed in this years events.



