

Castle Views

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IMPROVING ON PERFECTION!

2013 was yet another record breaking year for the staff and students of Castle View Enterprise Academy, our fourth in a row since opening in 2009!

There was a real buzz on results day as students expectantly opened their envelopes. This is the reason the teachers at Castle View joined the profession: To see the joy on the faces as students get the rewards for all that hard work.



This year 95% of students left with at least five good GCSEs at A*-C: 68% of them reaching the gold standard of five good GCSEs including English and Maths.

Highlights included; three quarters of students making good or better progress in English and maths, well above national average; brilliant results for students studying physics, chemistry and biology: 100% of students entered, passed GCSE French at grades A*, A or B.

Well done to everyone! We are all so very proud. Hopefully, next year will be another record breaker!

We All Live In A Yellow Submarine!



Northumbrian Water is using the state-of-the-art, remote-controlled submersibles to inspect underground storage service reservoirs. The robots, named 'Ringo' and 'Macca' after the yellow submarine from the hit Beatles song, were put through their paces to beam back pictures from inside a service reservoir at a treatment works, near Chester-le-Street in County Durham.

This provided an unusual assignment for a group of students from the Academy. The students were asked to perform the famous Beatles hit 'Yellow Submarine' as a fitting sound track for filming. Use of the submersible ROV's (remotely operated underwater vehicles) is an innovative new method of inspection for Northumbrian Water.

NEW PRESS PACKERS



Hi! My name is Elli Cleugh (most teachers spell it wrong). Everyone recognises me as being the smallest girl in year 8. I'm the biggest vampire diaries fan you'll probably find in the Academy! My best friends are Eleesha Jeffrey, Erin Mackey and Ellie Atkinson. One of my worst fears in life is failing and not doing well in school; that's why I try my hardest in every subject. I have one pet rabbit called Samson...he is black and is 7 years old now. I can't sing and I can't dance; I'm un-coordinated and un-balanced! I also have a passion for reading and waste most of my time watching 'Pewdiepie' or 'Smosh' on YouTube. However, if I can I will write things like short novels or poems on my phone, then somehow the world becomes more idyllic; it's the way I like it! Anyway that's pretty much all you need to know about me!



Hi, my name is Andrew Dawson and I'm in year 8. I have just joined Castle View Enterprise Academy's Press Pack. My favourite hobbies are playing the keyboard and reading. My favourite book has to be 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in The Night-Time' written by Mark Haddon. I joined the Press Pack due to my love of creative writing and because it's fun. In the Academy newsletter, I will be able to demonstrate my English skills to tell you about what's been happening in Castle View Enterprise Academy and the local community.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about me and I also hope you enjoy reading the articles that I will be writing in the forthcoming issues.



Hello, my name is Ryan John Evans and I am 13 years old. I am very academic and like subjects such as maths and English. At home, I enjoy playing on "FIFA", or having a game of football. I don't play for a football team any more but I hope to do so soon. I joined press pack because English is one of my favourite subjects and it's something fun to do. I am really enjoying the Academy so far and hope that by getting head boy in year six, I may be able to get it in year eleven.

My family and I enjoy camping with our dog in the summer. My family consists of me, Mam, Dad, my two brothers and my dog Tilly. Dogs are my favourite animals, however, I also have a canary, two tanks of fish and a hamster!



Established by the family of the former Poet Laureate, the John Betjeman Poetry Competition for Young People seeks to foster a love of poetry in young people. It is our aim to support literacy and creativity, encouraging children aged 10-13 to explore the world they see around them through rhythm and language.

Each child is invited to send in (by post or online) one poem on the theme of 'place'. You can choose anywhere that is important to you – from your bedroom to somewhere you visited on holiday, from your favourite park to your favourite

building. The subject of your poem could be a city or a garden or a beach or a street. We are asking you to capture in words what that place means to you.

Winners of the poetry competition are invited to read their poems aloud to an audience of judges, entrants, teachers and parents as well as sponsors and press, at a prize giving held on National Poetry Day, Thursday October 3rd, on the concourse of St Pancras station, next to the bronze statue of John Betjeman by Martin Jennings.

The first prize of £1,000 is shared between the winning entrant and his or her school. The winner, runner-up, and second runner-up will each win four Eurostar tickets from St Pancras International to Paris, Brussels or Lille donated by Eurostar. Five finalists will receive £50 of book tokens to spend at Tales on Moon Lane Bookshop. One lucky entrant will win a signed copy of Darcy Burdock by Laura Dockrill.

Eight one-day poetry workshops will be awarded to schools entering the competition. The trustees will consider all applications that fit the criteria and the schools selected to receive workshops will be notified in September.

Miss King from Castle View Enterprise Academy's English department is running for the competition on behalf of our students.

PILA 2013 - SKI TRIP TO ITALY

In March 2013, a group of students went to Pila, a beautiful ski resort in the Aosta Valley, northern Italy. This trip was designed to give students new opportunities, one of which is that they got to go skiing in the snowy alps. The students' behaviour was outstanding and because of this everyone had a great time. The students represented the Academy in their usual excellent and positive way.

Aside from the vast amount of skiing that took place during the week, the students also had different activities which they looked forward to on the night. Activities included: skiing, ice skating, pizza night, disco night and a presentation night. The presentation night was the very last activity and allowed the students to see how suited and able they were to some of the skiing tasks. There were three courses; the beginner course, the intermediate course and the advanced course. Each of the students were put into the different courses, all of which related to their ability.

I interviewed Leanne Stockdale and Stephanie Seymour about their experiences and what their favourite parts of the trip were. Leanne Stockdale told me, "My favourite part was the ice skating; I had only been a couple of times so it was great to be with all my friends and for them to help me around the rink without falling down" and Stephanie Seymour added, "I loved being in Italy. It was my second year of going on the ski trip with the Academy and I'm still amazed at how pretty everything was!"

All in all, everyone had a great time. Mr Dugdale, who organises the trip each year, is already planning the 2014 trip.

by Bethany Copeland



Future Cricketing Superstar?

PICTURED RIGHT: Abhiram Sajeev in his CVEA cricket shirt.

Abhiram has worked hard for four years, attending net sessions weekly along with his fellow cricketers, at 7:30 in the morning; practising for an hour before the start of the Academy day. He is an outstanding example to all of our cricket enthusiasts, particularly those just starting out on their cricket journeys. Abhiram never misses training and is usually the first to arrive to set up the nets. Abhiram has achieved his selection for Durham County Under-15 squad through dedication and hard work, and by trusting and working with his coaches at the Academy.

He is the perfect role model both on and off the field of play. If others follow his lead, Abhiram will be the first of many students to gain County representation in the future.



Derwent Hill

2013



Derwent Hill is an outdoor activity centre based in Keswick, Cumbria. The surrounding areas of Derwent Hill include the Lake District mountains, with amazing views everywhere you look and there is something for everyone. The trip took place in April and May with students from years 7, 8 and 9. They were accompanied by Miss Walker, Miss Rigg and Mr Travis, who by the end of the week was renamed Mr T by the group!

This year, Castle View Enterprise Academy shared with students from Portland School, which is a school for disabled children. Derwent Hill offer a range of activities, one of which was kayaking. Nobody from the group had ever been kayaking before but everyone made an effort to enjoy it and had a laugh in the process! One group even had a water fight with the teacher and the instructor! We also had a go at gorge walking. It was very enjoyable but you get extremely cold and wet. You have got to slide down rocks and jump off cliff sides. It's really exciting!

The main activity was the mountain walk. We had a full day with this activity and it proved to be very tough. However, it was all worth while when we reached the summit because the views were spectacular. Some of the students wanted to stop halfway but they were glad they carried on. Rock climbing was fun too. There are three different difficulties; easy, medium and hard. The high challenges were fun! When you eventually get to the top, you have a great view of your surroundings and you can look down at the rest of your group.

The activity that people get the most excited about is the death swing. You get a bit scared when you need to step off the platform as you feel like you are just going to fall but, when you swing through the air it's amazing! In the evening you do little activities in small groups. On one of those nights we were working with Portland where we all made new friends. One evening we went into Keswick, went to the park for an hour and got some takeaway food. Everyone who went said that they would definitely go again next year as they enjoyed it so much.

Personally, my favourite part of the week was the kayaking, making friends and having a good laugh with my entire group. We all got on really well. Overall it was a great week and everyone had a great time. Most students said they would go again if they get the chance.

by Emma Clennell



THE POETRY GAMES

based on perception, imagination, expression and creative use of language.

Before Easter, many of our students entered Young Writers' The Poetry Games competition where they had the opportunity to publish their poems within a special anthology, which will be kept at the British Library and other libraries across the UK.

The competition was a great success and received thousands of entries from all over the UK and overseas. Work was selected for publication and was

Successful students were; Emily Newby, Megan Bennett, Chloe Pemberton, Anna Spencer, Molly Angus, Jonny Cummings, Elli Cleugh, Sherkeighra Garnham, Georgia Topping, Rebecca Brown, Shannon Davison, Ryan Evans, Stephen Connelly, Lauren Hawkes, Ellie Davies, Erin Mackey, Rhys Houston, Kira Collinson and Natalie Rice.

This is another great achievement for the Academy that we should all be extremely proud of. Well done to everyone who entered.

Caitlyn Owens feeling the burn!



ROW THE WEAR

Maths teacher, Mr Hall, arranged for himself, a few students and some staff, to get involved in a rowing event. The event was held in Castle View Community and Fitness Centre on two rowing machines. Mr Hall asked for volunteers who were willing to help and was very pleased with the number

of students and staff who stepped forward. The event itself was to raise money for water aid and included rowing the distance of the River Wear. Harder work than it sounds as most people don't realise that the river is almost 60 miles long! Each student and staff member took it in turns to row, leaving Mr Hall till last so he could cross the finish line.

Mr Hall had this to say about the event, "Everyone who took part worked exceptionally well and I am pleased with the results. It shows what can be achieved when everyone works as a team."

He even told me that the reason he went last...in his words it was because he is 'old and unfit!'

Great effort sir!
by **Bethany Copeland**

DISTANCES COVERED

STUDENT	DISTANCE ROWED	STAFF MEMBER	DISTANCE ROWED
Layton Cairns	9752	Mr Bastit	7333
Dominic Robinson	7803	Mr Tumelty	2345
Nathan Stavers	6502	Mr Myers	2081
Caitlyn Owens	5017	Mrs Smith	2039
Cory Underwood	4202	Mr Dugdale	2018
Danny Robson	4043	Mrs Dickinson	2000
Dominic Pemberton	3539	Mr Hall	1327
Jack Stoker	3537	Mrs Hixon	1000
Danika Mitchell	3000	TOTAL	20143
David Barker	2766		
Rachel Ewart	2621		
Laura Blair	2596		
Lauren Bowmer	2073		
Thomas Crammond	2053		
Thomas McManus	2020		
Monica Innes	2019		
Kieron Mitchell	2016		
Chloe Tiffin	2013		
Coran Pattison	2000		
Bradley Million	1200		
Alistair Brown	1000		
Conor Frankland	1000		
Matthew Parlett	1000		
John Harper	1000		
Caitlain Armes	585		
John Sampson	500		
TOTAL	75857		

That's a total of **96,000 metres!** (or 96 kilometres)

A great effort by everyone involved!

POETRY BY HEART

In March, Year 11 student Jack Stoker represented the Academy in the County Final of 'Poetry by Heart'. This is a poetry recitation competition held at Newcastle City Library. At the event he recited two pieces of poetry by the famous poets William Shakespeare and Edward Thomas. Although he was just pipped to the post of overall winner, he did the Academy extremely proud as a close runner up. Throughout the event he was very well-mannered and professional.

The event gave Jack the opportunity to meet local poet, playwright and journalist, Pete Mortimer, who kindly posed for a professional photograph with Jack receiving his certificate (below).

Well done Jack!



Dane Scoops Prestigious Award

In May, at the Sunderland Schools' FA presentation evening, which was held at the Stadium of Light, Year 10 student Dane Luke won the prestigious G.F Bath Award. This award recognises not only a player with a high level of ability in football but also is awarded for leadership skills, determination, etiquette and being a positive influence on the pitch. It is the highest honour any schools football player can receive in Sunderland.

For Dane to win this award is an excellent achievement for himself and it is another symbol of the growing reputation of Castle View Enterprise Academy and it's values.

by **Ben Grant**

CHARITY SHOW 2013

Each academic year in the Academy we hold a variety of shows. One of the shows we hold is the annual charity show where we raise money for a charity, as voted for by our Student Council. This year, students selected the very worthy causes of Diabetes UK and the Sunderland Royal Hospital's Neo-Natal Unit. A group of Year 11 BTEC Performing Arts students organised the show on this occasion as part of their coursework and chose the theme, 'Musicals'. Participating students chose their favourite songs from the many musical plays and films and performed them in front of 220 enthusiastic guests. Amongst the acts were singers, dancers and even some acting performances. The Year 11 students worked extremely hard to organise and coordinate the event and the evening was enjoyed by all.

We managed to raise a total of over £600, which was split between these two excellent charities.



Stefan jumps for a worthy cause

Lead Student Stefan Tokes touched down after his first ever parachute jump and immediately declared: "I want to do it all over again."

Air Cadet, Stefan, completed his jump at Shotton Airfield, which he did in aid of the RAF Association. This brave achievement generated £425

for the cause, after friends, family, fellow students at Castle View Enterprise Academy and Wearside businesses chipped in and pledged sponsorship. Stefan's mum, dad and sister Robin, who also attends the Academy, cheered him on whilst he was thousands of feet up in the air.

Recalling the experience, Stefan, a member of Usworth 2214 Cadet Squadron in Washington, said: "Surprisingly, I wasn't nervous, but I think it's an understatement to say that my mum was! She wouldn't stop saying how nervous she was herself. I think I'd picked one of the best times to jump because there were almost no clouds in the sky. It was a one-minute freefall, and five minutes of parachute jump before I got to the ground. It's definitely something I want to do again, and I'd advise anyone to do it if they ever get the chance."

Stefan's dad spoke of his and his family's pride at Stefan's jump. "We had every ounce of faith in him that he would do it and be fine. He's already looking forward to doing another one now, and I'm sure he will in future."

We Can Dig It!

A team of 12 staff from Northumbrian Water volunteered to leave their normal jobs behind for the day and help reform our wildlife garden. It was part of the 'Just an Hour' scheme where employers encourage their staff to volunteer.

They came armed with a rotivator, top soil, pea gravel, tools, and a truck with a mechanical grab and, as a result of their professional tools and hard work, the garden has been transformed and now looks amazing. It is ready to plant up with lots of fruit and vegetables. Miss Rigg and Mrs Hastie were overwhelmed and just about wept with joy as to how much work they did in a day!



Mrs Hastie and the army of volunteers from Northumbrian Water

If you want to have a look at it then just contact Miss Rigg or Mrs Hastie or even if you have any spare plants at home you would like to contribute then please bring them in. All donations are welcome.

It was a fantastic day and we are all really proud of what has been achieved!

by Morgan Ozuzu

PRESS PACK... what is that all about?



So, what's it all about and why should you join the Academy Press Pack? If you love English, then this is perfect for you! Write articles for the Academy newsletter... and plenty of them!

Your child can join the Press Pack by speaking to Mr Willis, who is always there to help you if you are struggling with your articles. All members are assigned a small paragraph about themselves and from then on, you will be assigned articles about events all around Sunderland and in Castle View Enterprise Academy! The younger members of the Press Pack (like us!) can ask for help from the older students too.

Everybody in Press Pack loves it!

by Andrew Dawson and Ryan Evans



Sunderland Schools' TRIATHLON

On an unseasonable cold afternoon in June at the Puma Centre in Silksworth, selected students from the Academy took part in the 5th Annual Sunderland Schools Triathlon. Teams are made up of four students and categories are boys and girls teams either years 7 and 8 or Years 9 and 10. It starts with a 100-metre swim and then a five kilometre cycle followed by a 1500-metre run and all times are calculated in teams and ranked amongst all entrants.

This is a hugely popular event with over 400 students taking part from a range of different age groups and includes primary schools from this area. As always, the students were committed to doing well and pushed themselves until they passed the finishing line. All students did brilliantly with our best result coming from the year 7 and 8 girls who finished 4th overall.

Well done to all those who took part.

SCHOOL REPORT

BBC NEWS



Each year, some of our students are selected to participate in the BBC School Report Day. This year, our Year 9 Film Studies class took part in the nationwide event. Since 2007, BBC News School Report has been giving 11-16 year olds across the UK the opportunity to make and broadcast their own news, whether it be local, national or worldwide, a wide range of articles are published on that day all written by children.

In Castle View Enterprise Academy, Miss Miller's Film Studies group were given a full half term to prepare their articles and learn all about what goes on behind the black and white print on the papers.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the day, including Samuel Jordan, who said, "It was a very good day and I have learned lots about researching and writing articles."

by Ben Grant



Miss Miller and her Year 9 Reporters

Thespians in the making?

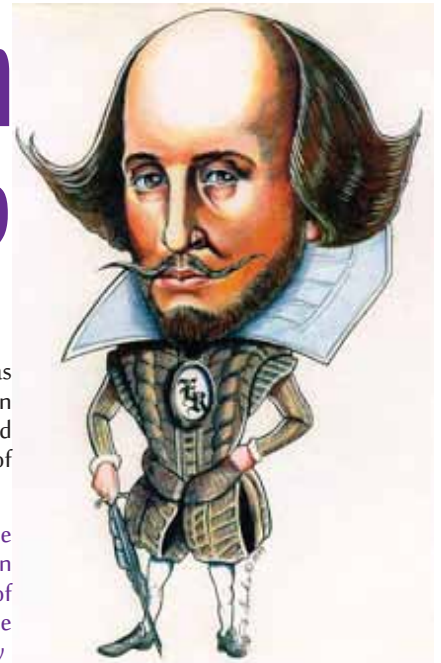
Hylton Castle Primary School was transformed into a Shakespearean theatre as year 7 students were dazzled and amazed by the haunting tale of Macbeth.

Year 5 pupils from Hylton Castle Primary School were transformed on stage into professional actors as part of this enterprising event. To name just one student as a star would be unfair; every pupil was committed and focused to their individual role. From Macbeth himself, to the menacing witches and the chorus; they all added their own personal touch to each role; to the delight of the audience. The staging and costumes were first class, adding only to the well-rehearsed and dynamic performances from all actors and singers.

The audience saw an adaptation of a traditional Shakespeare play, brought into the 21st century with a range of modern musical accompaniments; giving the traditional play a modern twist which was enjoyed by all students and staff in the audience. After the performance, several students and teachers commented on the exceptional confidence demonstrated by these pupils; Miss Gunn, Year 7 tutor, said "Every moment was thrilling. The students demonstrated their professionalism under quite nerve-wracking circumstances."

Chloe, Year 7, said "I really enjoyed the whole play. I wish I had that confidence in Year 5." Staff and students alike look forward to upcoming performances from our local A-List actors at Hylton Castle Primary School.

by Adam Gillum, Aaron Mavin and Miss Miller



Science Club Field Trip

On the first day of July, Castle View Enterprise Academy's Science Club embarked on an adventure to Low Burnhall Wood. The trip lasted an hour-and-a-half and was run by employees and volunteers from the Woodland Trust.

We began the trip by using our geographical skills trying to find the starting point. Once we had found it, we had a challenge to find five mini beasts or face a consequence! Luckily we completed the challenge! We then had to find our way to point two. We used trigonometry to find the height of a tree, and our general mathematical skills to find the age of a tree. From there, we had a hike uphill to point three, where we munched on toasted marshmallows and had our lunch.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable day that I hope can be done again in the future. This was all down to Miss Rigg who leaves us in the summer! She will be dearly missed by everyone at CVEA.

by Ben Grant



The beautiful Low Burnham Wood in Durham

Table Cricket



In our Academy we have a student who lets nothing get in his way; he tries to do everything he can and never lets his disability stand in his way. Year 10 student Brandon Barker is a member of a Table Cricket Club. Table cricket is a sport that is played on a table tennis table with green boards placed around the sides and a white sliding board placed on top of them. The points in the game are worked as follows; if you hit the ball into the top two corners get you six points, anywhere on the sides are four points and the bottom two corners score two points. If you hit the white ball markers they are called 'dot balls', which score zero points. If you hit the red strip you get five points deducted. The teams are made up of 6-8 people but only six people can play at any one time.

Every person on the team gets a number and you play the person with the same number on the opposition team. The batter has a small bat which they use to hit the ball and the bowler has a small ramp, which they roll the ball down towards the batsman. Tournaments are held at Chester-le-Street's Riverside Cricket ground. There, you play four teams, with the winning team progressing to the final in London at Lord's Cricket ground. There is a big national tournament held here, which you play in a team of 10-12 people.



Brandon (front row, left) with his team at Lord's Cricket Ground.

I asked Brandon why he plays table cricket, he said, "I play it because I enjoy it, just like I enjoy all of the other sports that I play. It is great fun to play against all the other teams and gets very competitive. It can be a bit challenging because the standard of the other teams are very high. The most challenging part of the game for me is trying to find a green gap to gain points, so I aim for the top corners; it is a very good game to participate in and I've made lots of new friends whilst playing this sport."

by Emma Clennell



children's cancer run

In May, eleven students and three staff from Castle View Enterprise Academy took part in the 31st Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle race course. All students were fantastic, considering the running conditions weren't brilliant and several other runners lost trainers in puddles and muddy ditches! This was a sponsored event and therefore if anyone would like to donate to the NECCR it would be gratefully received.



Please donate any money to Miss Walker, Mrs Stocks or Miss O'Connor.



by Morgan Ozuzu

LIEBHERR VISIT

Liebherr is a vast enterprise which focuses on the construction of cranes from ones on land to ones off-pier and various other types. The company can produce over 100 cranes in a year using parts that have to be lifted with cranes themselves. The company have also been known to build refrigeration parts and even parts for trains. Near the end of last year, a Year 9 (now Year 10) business class had the pleasure of visiting one of the sites of the multi-national company located near the Queen Alexandra Bridge.

The students were given a tour of the workplace after being shown some examples of the company's capabilities and a short video about the business. We were also told about Liebherr's excellent apprenticeship opportunities so for those interested in a career in construction, this may be for you. During the tour, students were shown the process of building a crane from the welding of the basic parts to the final coat of paint.

by Morgan Ozuzu

Jessica Goes LIVE!



We are delighted to tell you that Jessica Fraser, a student at Castle View Enterprise Academy, was selected as the outright winner of the North East Live competition with a superb piece of creative writing. The task was to write a review about the concert BEFORE it had even taken place! Here is Jessica's review;

"AHHHHHHH" the best moment of my life, the crowd went wild as acts with sensational talent entered our presence, JLS, THE WANTED, RITA ORA, LITTLE MIX, LAWSON, CONNOR MAYNARD, STOOSHE, UNION J, AMELIA LILY and JAMES ARTHUR.

Bright lights lit up as the crowds entered the stadium for the first time that night, sounds, screams, the atmosphere lifted the whole stadium with ecstasy. Connor Maynard got the girls going wild, Stooshe had the stadium dancing and James Arthur impressed everyone with his number one X-Factor single, 'Impossible', but once Rita Ora appeared there was no stopping everyone from launching themselves onto the stage! The big screens flashed as the artists' names appeared before our very wide eyes, excitement rushed through me like nothing has before, faces beginning to burst with all of the tension building up for that one gigantic

SCREAM! The bands 3-Girl Star, Stooshe along with X-Factor's JLS and Little Mix, guitar rocking Lawson and hot to trot 'The Wanted' were implausible. Heart racing at the words "turn around, open your eyes, look at me now", could Connor Maynard get any cuter? #NO!

However, not forgetting our fantastic, one of a kind perfection in singing, our very own James Arthur, the girls were going crazy. His light blue jacket and skinny jeans made my world turn! It felt as though he was singing to me as his eyes glistened in the sunlight, his gelled black hair smoothed across his perfectly shaped head. As Amelia Lily took to the stage with her brand new song, everyone could feel the emotion that almost lifted them off their feet with excitement, hands already waving in the air before she'd left back stage. During the break we had snacks to fill everyone up in time for the second half of the festival. All I could hear throughout the interval were people talking with much excitement about the artists they had just seen and how amazing they had been.

Tension was building as the host was about to announce our special guests, they hadn't even been advertised on posters or the website. Artists so amazing that no one could put into words just how incredible they are, and the artists were...ONE DIRECTION! AHHHHHHHHH! girls screamed their hearts out, my head couldn't take the excitement! I couldn't believe what I was about to see. It was the most unbelievable, extraordinary day I could ever have imagined.

I kept thinking to myself, what words best summed up the day, OUT OF THIS WORLD, EXTRAORDINARY, AMAZING, UNBELIEVABLE, INCREDIBLE, there were no words to describe it. As I boarded the train that evening, I knew that I would never forget the day I went to the North East Live Festival.

PEER SUPPORTERS Anti-Bullying

Meetings have taken place where the peer supporters have discussed anti-bullying and how to promote the peer supporters. The peer supporters are a group of Key Stage 4 students who are there for students if they feel too intimidated to talk to a member of staff at the Academy about their problems. The main peer supporters in these meetings were Kieron Parker, Lauri Richardson and Jack Stoker.

Anti-bullying is not only important to Castle View Enterprise Academy because bullying must not be allowed to continue but it is also important in order to achieve The BIG Award. The BIG Award is put in place so that schools can present their ideas on anti-bullying and procedures that have been taken to promote it (e.g. the peer supporters).

More details about the award can be found at www.bigaward.org.

Science and Technology CHALLENGE DAY

On June 13th 2013, a select few of the Year 9 'Gifted and Talented' group were taken to New College Durham to take part in the Sunderland and Durham Challenge Day.

The day consisted of students taking part in three out of four tasks, such as; small car building, creating computer generated images of staff, bridge building and robot wars.

The day was a huge success and on behalf of all of Castle View Enterprise Academy, I would like to say a massive thank you to New College Durham. However, not only was the event a success, the Academy was also a success as one of the teams from Castle View won! This means that they progress in the competition. A huge well done to everyone involved.

by Emma Clennell



WORK DISCOVERY WEEK

Sunderland 2013

Sunderland
City Council



NECC
North East Children's Centre

During the first week of July, students from year 10 took part in a city-wide initiative called Work Discovery Week. In total, there were 1000 students from 20 different schools taking part in the week. Fifty students attended the launch day, taking part in mock interviews and a careers fair. The students got the chance to witness a fashion show and various demonstrations. Companies such as Nissan, Alex Smiles, Liebherr and Marriott Hotel took part in the day to form links with schools and explore new ways to support students in gaining valuable experience for life in the work place.

Further to Castle View students watching the fashion show, there were 50 students who were taking part in modelling work wear fashion in a programme called Dress for Success. On the final day, five students represented the Academy in an enterprise challenge where they created and presented a proposal for a new retail outlet in Sunderland city centre.

The students drew on their experiences and information they had gained over the week and put forward some excellent ideas.

AMY REACHES FIRST TARGET

You may recall an article in the last edition of Castle Views all about a new reading incentive, entitled '100 Book Club.' We have challenged our Key Stage 3 students to read and review 100 books, of their choice, and win prizes for doing just that.

Amy Scott, a Year 7 student at the Academy, has become the first student to reach the milestone of 25 books. Amy is pictured below, being awarded a WH Smith voucher by Miss Temple, for her hard work.



This is just one of several, literacy-based incentives, currently being run by the Academy to encourage students to not only read more, but to also enjoy reading and to understand the importance of this vital life skill.

Amy is now aiming for 50 books to win the next award!

KIELDER *win it again!*

For the third time in four years, Kielder House has won the House Cup!

In what was one of the closest competitions in the Academy's short history, Kielder scooped the prize by only a few points. House Captains Andi Grewcock and Caitlin Owens accepted the trophy at the recent Sport and House Awards evening, which was held at the Academy in July.

The competitions will start all over again in September, with the gauntlet having been well and truly thrown down! To the right are pictures of some of last year's Kielder victories. We are all looking forward to this year's competitions.



Farewell Year 11

we will miss you

It's that time of year again when, after five years of hard work, year 11 students leave the Academy. Before students leave, they are asked to reflect on their life at Castle View in the form of a questionnaire. It is always an emotional and poignant time for both students and staff. Students reflect on how they have matured and developed since they joined as 11 year olds and leave as young adults. Some of the comments that students made this year included:

"I actually enjoyed it, despite all of the hard work. But it will pay off."

"Best year of my life!"

"I think I have achieved so much and feel a better person."

"Teachers have been extra helpful this year."

"Year 11 has made me more mature and confident."

"All resources have been made to help us with our studies."

Of course there are many more including praise and messages of gratitude from parents. One parent made a simple but meaningful comment of;

"I feel very privileged that my son is a student at Castle View."

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our departing students the very best of luck for the future. We have had another record-breaking year, thanks in no small part to our wonderful staff and fantastic students. You can see a selection of our results on the front cover of this edition of Castle Views. Another fantastic year!

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