



Castle Views

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Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

When history teacher Mrs Calvert's three-year-old son William was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) in December, CVEA decided to plan a year of fundraising events for Muscular Dystrophy UK; the charity supporting those living with the muscle-wasting condition.

On Friday 22nd January 2016, CVEA launched the DMD fundraising by joining other schools, clubs and work places across the UK by wearing orange for Muscular Dystrophy UK. Staff and students brightened up their uniform by adding orange hair accessories, socks, ties and shirts, blouses and jumpers; and made a donation to support research into the condition.

Students made orange ribbons, as part of extra-curricular clubs, to be sold on the day, and lots of gifts were donated for raffle prizes, for example, Mrs Giles, Mrs Rush and Mrs Thompson organised a huge sweet basket filled with lots of chocolate bars. Mrs Fairrington made an amazing optical illusion Malteser cake and organised a 'guess how many sweets' prize draw. There was a 'Name the Bear' competition and a collection of loose change too.

English Teacher Mrs Galer arranged a competition to guess the arrival day and weight of Baby Galer. On 22/03/2016 the baby arrived weighing a healthy 7lbs & 7ozs. Miss Hornsby guessed correctly and was the lucky winner of a fabulous hamper!

On Sunday 28th February 2016, a group of Year 11s organised a charity football match where they dressed up as Spiderman and Venom. The raffle, which had some amazing prizes donated from local businesses, was drawn by Julio Arca (ex-Sunderland football player). For a list of prizes and winners please see latest news on our website.

Forthcoming Academy events to include:

★ "Inspire's Voice has Got the X Factor" - a spoof based on all UK Talent shows, by Inspire Stage School. Tickets are £3 with all proceeds going to MD UK.

- ★ Half Marathon - Sunday 1st May.
- ★ Fun Run / Walk on the Academy Field, 24th June as part of 'Sports Week'.
- ★ Great North Run - Sunday 11th September.



So far we have raised a huge **£2,504.43**; an Academy record!

Mrs Calvert would like to thank everyone who has donated for their generosity, CVEA staff and students, parents and families.



New Uniform

We have recently carried out a review of our existing ties, following a request from our students - our female students wanted a tie which better matched up with the increasingly popular new school skirt, and the male students also wanted something more modern.

Following this review, students were given the opportunity to vote on the design for a new Academy tie. Students were given four options to choose from and encouraged to cast their votes.

The winning design was Tie B, As seen below.



The new tie will be for all students, replacing the current KS3 and KS4 ties. However, students who are part of either the Football or Cricket Academies, or have a Lead Student role, can still wear their respective ties. The new tie will be phased in from the start of the new academic year in September 2016. After October half term all students should be wearing the new tie.

The tie will be available at the same cost as the existing ties (£4.75), and will be available to buy from early June.

Ice Bucket Challenge

Over recent months a number of our students have been involved in an incentive scheme named 'The Girls' Project' and 'The Boys' Project' to encourage and reward daily school attendance, out-of-hours intervention and positive behaviour.

We currently have six groups of female and male students taking part for pole position and are all supported by a member of school staff. The points are accrued each half term with the losing team facing an ice bucket challenge. Unfortunately Mrs Smith and her team; Casey Hodge, Aimee Richardson, Alex Naisbett, Jessica Wright and Melanie Keith faced the first ice bucket challenge on a sunny but frosty morning in February along with Mr Ball and his team; Asa McCormick, Declan Hughes, Keaton Burton, Callum Dobbs and Sheldon O'Connor.

The winning team receives rewards and breakfast treats along the way and all of the participants get to take part in a reward activity each half term. The girls decided to go to Gravity Force and the boys decided to go paintballing!



Challenge Day 2

Our second Challenge Day saw students engage in a range of activities and workshops with the themes of 'Celebrating Difference' and 'Community'.

Workshops included:

Diversity Role Models – focusing on celebrating difference, challenging stereotypes and addressing the use of homophobic language.

Rangoli – students worked with artist Jayamini, to create their own rice art and learnt about how the bright designs are used during events such as Diwali and wedding celebrations.

Global Teach – Hilaire taught students how to play the djembe, a drum originating from West Africa. During the session students discovered how a djembe ensemble traditionally does not play music for people to simply sit back and listen to but to create a rhythm for people to dance, sing, clap, or work to.

WE Day - an inspirational workshop on active citizenship with Billie from Free the Children.

Staying Safe Online; Radicalisation and Extremism – this workshop focused on current news stories linked to the use of social media in the radicalisation of young people and how students can keep themselves safe online.

Comments from our workshop providers:

'I was very impressed with the level of understanding and deep thinking about the current refugee crisis in Europe. A lot of thought-provoking questions - well done. Special mention to 7DRo and J7Gr for their participation and knowledge of the topic.' Hilaire, Global Teach.

'I had a great day delivering multicultural art to Year 8 students. The students, and teachers too, enjoyed learning new art forms.' Jayamini, Rangoli Art.

'The students were engaged with the ideas around environmental pollution, particularly in relation to their own local community - Hylton Castle Dene. Very helpful students and staff. Thank you.' Liz, DWLT.

'Really engaging sessions, students were excellent. Mature with some really interesting views on the world.' Peter Thompson, SaferVision.

'Had fun with Year 10. We always enjoy coming in to your Academy; great atmosphere. Teachers are always helpful. Thanks for everything.' Andy and Keith, Moral Values, Youth for Christ.

'Thank you for inviting me to Castle View Enterprise Academy - it is always an amazing visit with such confident students.' Billie, WE Day (Barclays Lifeskills).



Singing Festival

The Year 7 choir joined other primary and secondary schools across Sunderland to participate in a singing festival. All the schools performed two songs to each other. Students from CVEA performed a beautiful rendition of Hallelujah and 7 Years. All the choirs then joined together for a joint performance of Happy which included approximately 200 students from Sunderland Schools. The students really enjoyed performing to others and listening to other choirs performing.



Gravity Force

On the 16th March 2016, The Girls' Project and their staff leaders visited Gravity Force, based in Sunderland, as a reward for their points totals over the past two months. This included thirty Year 11 girls and six staff members. It was a fun-filled afternoon on the trampolines performing a variety of technical moves, basketball and dodge ball where the students took on the members of staff and won two out of the three games played. The activity was a great stress-reliever to support the well-being of the students during this pressured time of GCSEs. Gravity Force is a fun place and highly recommended for all ages; it is also a great form of exercise.



Holocaust Survivor - Eva Clarke

Students at Castle View Enterprise Academy welcomed survivor Eva Clarke into the school as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Eva was born in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, in April 1945.

Her mother, Anna, arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau in October 1944 and as her pregnancy was not yet visible, she was selected for slave labour near Dresden.

She remained there for six months, getting weaker by the day, while becoming more visibly pregnant.

Eva's mother and her fellow prisoners were forced on to a train and when it arrived at Mauthausen concentration camp she went into labour, giving birth to Eva on an open cart.

The American army liberated the camp three days after Eva's birth. After telling her and her mother's story to the Sunderland youngsters, Eva held a question and answer session, to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth.

Mrs Russell, a history teacher, said: "It was a privilege for us to welcome Eva Clarke to our school.

"Her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced.

"We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Eva's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."



Sun FM - Radio Advert Competition

Year 9 and 10 GCSE Business students recently participated in a competition to produce a radio advert which could be used to raise awareness of the dangers of open water. The students researched the topic and worked in teams to write a script and then record their advert. Two of our entries were selected as finalists.

Students from the winning teams visited Sun FM to find out more about radio advertising. During the visit students had a studio tour and met with presenters, Simon and Dani, from the Morning Show, and Mark Black. Students then presented their adverts to Sunderland City Council at Software City.

If they win, their advert will be professionally-produced and aired on Sun FM as part of an anti-drowning campaign.

'This project has raised my own awareness of water safety. I didn't realise how many teenagers drown each year until I did the research for this project.' Ryan, Year 10.

'We hope to be able to spread the message about water safety in our Academy; using our advert as a way to tell other students about the dangers of open water.' Tamzin, Year 10.



Stadium of Light Tour

A group of Year 8 students visited the Stadium of Light for a tour on Monday 21st March 2016. This was a reward for the work they had completed with the Foundation of Light on the Building Bridges programme. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



Year 8 Beamish Trip

Year 8 visited Beamish Museum to complement their studies of medicine through time. The day consisted of a source-handling workshop and a Georgian Medicine mystery where students had to use their own knowledge of a wide range of topics and enquiry skills in order to discover how the Master of Pockerly Manor died.



House Dodge Ball

The annual house dodge ball competition had its best ever turnout with over 70 students taking part. It was a hard-fought battle throughout the league competition, however Fontburn were victorious on the night as they won the majority of their games.



CVEA Cricket Academy

Elliott Campbell, captain of the Cricket Academy, presented four new Year 7 members with their Cricket Academy ties.

Left to Right

- * Dylan Hunter
- * Thomas Maclaughlan
- * Elliott Campbell
- * Daniels Simkus
- * Joseph Lawson



CVEA Football Academy

Year 8 and 9 Football Academy players have recently returned from a football tour to Manchester. Pupils took part in many life changing experiences as part of this exciting four day trip. Pupils visited Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium, learnt about the history of football at the National Football Museum, attended a live Premier League fixture at the Britannia Stadium (where Stoke City played Swansea) as well as many other activities.

Over the course of the four days it was evident that the Football Academy Tour was for many a life-changing experience. All staff members involved witnessed the children develop both socially and holistically as for many pupils it was their first time away from home, and they were exposed to a new city, new foods and new experiences. All pupils demonstrated excellent levels of maturity and independence over the four days and were a credit to the Football Academy.



Year 9: CVEA vs Monkwearmouth

CVEA 3 - 1 Monkwearmouth

Scorers: Thomas Green (2) Dylan Clark-Rich (1)

Stand out performances: *Thomas Green:* Excellent display of counter-attacking play. *Anthony Todd:* Excellent goalkeeping.

Strong performances across the whole team gave CVEA a well-deserved victory against Monkwearmouth, who currently lie top of the table. CVEA were very organised throughout the game and all players took ownership of the second half. An excellent effort from the goalkeeper (Anthony Todd) and the defence kept us ahead in the game. Jamie Turnbull came close to on several occasions scoring but was unlucky. However, Dylan Clark-Rich reacted quickly to a shot that was saved by the goalkeeper and calmly slotted the ball in the bottom corner securing a 3-1 win for the home side.

CVEA had previously gone three games without a win. Mt hope this is the start of a good run of form.



Hockey Champions of Sunderland

A selection of boys from Year 8 took part in the Hockey Sainsbury's School Games Finals held at Sandhill View School. The boys performed very well and were a credit to the Academy. They finished the tournament unbeaten winning all of their games, making them City of Sunderland's Boys Hockey champions. The boys are looking forward to collecting their hard-earned trophy that is currently being engraved.



Year 7 Girls' Football - Sunderland Schools Games Winners!

The standard of Girls' Football at CVEA has really progressed over the last term-and-a-half and the number of girls now accessing coaching sessions has grown steadily. There have been some really good performances from all age groups so far this season, but our Year 7 girls really raised the bar this week. Well done to Meg Murphy, Millie Martin, Elle Caffry, Keira Oley, Ellie Moon, Hollie Heaton, Molly Raine and Anna Finch.

The team travelled to Kepier to take part in the Sunderland Schools Games 5-a-Side tournament, with the chance to represent the city of Sunderland in the Tyne and Wear Regional Finals up for grabs. The girls topped the table at the end of the first stage, following three very convincing wins, and only just missed making it four out of four after conceding an unlucky (if rather contentious) equaliser in the final match.

Elle Caffry scored the goal of the tournament for CVEA whilst Millie Martin and Meg Murphy, newly promoted up to the CVEA Football Academy, also scored with some impressive efforts. Meg Murphy, once again proved to be Player of the Tournament.

A 2-2 draw in the play-off was enough to see the girls over the line and they now go forward to represent Sunderland at the Tyne & Wear School Games.



CVEA vs Redhouse Academy

Date: Monday 14th March

Competition: Stokoe Cup Final

Versus: Red House Academy (Academy of Light)

On Monday afternoon of the 14th March, Castle View Academy's Year 7 football team took on Red House Academy in an enthralling Stokoe Cup Final at the Academy of Light. CVEA had been undefeated all through the tournament and had beaten Red House by only one goal in their League Fixture. The CVEA boys were looking forward to the game and were expecting a tough battle.

It was a popular venue with many spectators coming from far and wide to see the final game of the season.

The game started quite rapidly with CVEA pressing on the Red House back line, creating many chances, and were fortunate enough to take the lead 2-0 by half time. Lewis Lukeman pounced on a rebounded shot from the keeper, from Ellis Cowell's initial shot, and a right foot shot from a James Harrison cross later on.

Fortunately, CVEA had the sun behind them in the first half, so now knew they had to work hard to hold their lead in the second.

Red House struck first early, as they flew towards the opposing goal with their pacey forwards; 2-1. By this time CVEA had had not only the pressure from Red House, but the sun to contend with.

For much of the second half Redhouse pounded CVEA's defensive line and brought many great saves from our keeper, Rhys Major, often plucking many high balls out of the sky as crosses came in fast and furious.

Fortunately, we managed to break away and a well-weighted cross came in from Ellis Cowell and was headed with precision by James Harrison; 3-1.

Finally, the whistle blew for the end of the match, gracing CVEA with the Cup victory.

The players were briefly awarded the Cup, and will be presented with the engraved version together with the League trophy at a presentation at the Stadium of Light.



U16 Sainsbury's Basket Ball City Finals

A mix of Year 9 and 10 students recently took part in the U16 Sainsbury's School Games Basketball City Finals held at the University of Sunderland. Castle View were placed in a very tough group consisting of Biddick, Oxclose and Southmoor. The team performed well and were narrowly beaten by both Biddick and Oxclose. However Castle View bounced back to win their final game convincingly against Southmoor. Our U14 basketball team are now waiting to compete in the Regional finals after successfully finishing runners up in the City finals.



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