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FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to this edition of the Catterick Garrison Gazette.

Within this edition of the Garrison Gazette, we have a range of military articles from local units, detailing the Royal Corps of Signal's rich history in the Garrison and the opening of new facilities. Of note is an article from Cpl Taylor of the Army Band Catterick, detailing D-Day 80 celebrations.

We also have articles reporting the great work of local community groups, as well as great articles from busy local schools. I would like to thank the Garrison community 'military and civilian' who continue to support the Gazette and wider Catterick Garrison events.

I hope the articles have inspired you to pen a submission for the coming editions of the Gazette highlighting your individual or organisations endeavours. Should you wish to submit an article for the Garrison Gazette, then please send them to us at CatterickGar-iHub-GpMailbox@mod.gov.uk by Friday 25th October 2024.

**Kind regards,
Maj AJ Green
COS HQ Catterick Garrison**



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The Beacon June Appeal 2024

D-DAY 80

By Cpl Taylor, Band Catterick



The 6th June this year marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. In 1944, thousands of soldiers lost their lives on the Normandy beaches - an event that became a significant turning point in the Second World War. British Army Band Catterick travelled to Normandy as part of Op ORBITE to perform at various memorial services to commemorate the occasion. It was in Normandy that the Allies' victory paved the way for the liberation of France, and much of North-West Europe, so there was no location more fitting to perform in.

Op ORBITE was a tri-service operation ran by 67 Gurkha Fd Sqn. The operation resulted in several events, with music performed by either the British Army, or the Royal Air Force. One service in Bayeux Cemetery was particularly poignant. Surrounded by the graves of fallen soldiers, Sgt Walker gave a moving performance of *Last Post* to a large audience that included HM Princess Anne. Music such as *David of The White Rock*, *Manchester Hymn* and *Amazing Grace* were



performed by the band throughout the ceremony, and the Pendyrus Male Choir was excellent.

Later in the week, the band performed in the town of Arromanches, right in front of the beach. The backdrop of Gold Beach served as a solemn reminder of what had happened in Arromanches eighty years ago, however this event felt slightly more celebratory than the last. The vast crowds were excited, and the weather was sunny. As the band played Vera Lynn's well-known wartime song, *We'll Meet Again*, a WWII veteran and a vicar, amongst many others, danced together and sung along.

Between rehearsals and performances, the band resided, amongst several other units, in a tented village based close to the town of Bayeux. The atmosphere in the town was buzzing; the streets of Bayeux were decorated for the week, with WWII inspired artwork painted in shop and cafe windows and flags hanging across alleyways. 1940's vehicles could also be seen driving down the street. When the band wasn't rehearsing or performing, many spent their spare time in Bayeux, visiting the tapestry and museum, and trying local delicacies.

As time goes on, less and less veterans are able to attend the services in Normandy, so every time we are able to provide them with music is such an honour. Lest we forget.



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HQ CATTERICK GARRISON STAFF RELAXATION ROOM

By Karen Hollinshead, HQ Catterick Garrison



In July HQ Catterick Garrison celebrated the launch of a new Relaxation Room. This room is to enable staff, both military and civilian to retreat for a short time away from their desk to unwind and relieve stress. The event was supported by staff and Industry partners who came along to see the facility. Blenkiron Funeral Directors kindly donated a wellbeing hamper for all to enjoy.



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THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS CELEBRATED 100 YEARS OF ASSOCIATION WITH CATTERICK GARRISON AND RICHMOND TOWN

By John McIlree, Chairman, Catterick and District Branch, Royal Signals Association

On Friday the 12th July 2024 soldiers and veterans of the Royal Corps of Signals marched from Nunns Close Car Park through the streets of Richmond and paraded in the Town Centre in front of the Town Hall. The parade and the people of Richmond were addressed by the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Bob White (ex Royal Signals) and the Royal Signals Association Chairman, Major General David McDowall CBE.

Organised by the Catterick Branch of the Royal Signals Association (RSA), the parade also welcomed a visit by the local Member of Parliament for Richmond and Northallerton and Former Prime Minister the Rt Hon Rishi Sunak.

The event was named Project Centurion, which seemed a fitting title for celebrating the 100 year-long relationship between the Royal Corps of Signals and the town of Richmond, North Yorkshire, on the doorstep of Catterick Garrison. 2024 not only marks that centenary, but also the 60th anniversary of the town bestowing on the Corps the Freedom of Richmond, which gives it the right to march



Major General David McDowall CBE introduces Rishi Sunak to the veterans.

through Richmond with 'drums beating and banners flying', a rare honour showing the close links between townspeople and soldiers.

The Royal Signals Association (RSA) Chairman, Major General David McDowall CBE stated, 'I am most grateful to the Mayor and Council of Richmond for giving permission for the Corps to

celebrate Project Centurion and the Freedom of Richmond and I am honoured to return to Richmond on the occasion of the centenary of the Royal Signals in Catterick. It is particularly important to me, as it was 50 years ago in February 1974 that I arrived in Catterick to become a Royal Signals soldier. I returned to Catterick many times during my career and on my final visit, I took the salute at a Passing Out Parade at Vimy Barracks which by then had become the Infantry Training Centre. To begin my career as a soldier and finish it as a Major General, both in the same place, makes Richmond very special to me.'

The event followed with Rishi, the Mayor, Major General David, and the deputy Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire meeting, inspecting and chatting to the soldiers and veterans. The Royal Signals Association Padre David Hargreaves held a short service before the troops were fallen out. Members of the Catterick Branch of the RSA, town councillors and invited guests were invited to a small presentation in the Town Hall while the soldiers and other veterans met in the Cricket Club.

The Chairman, of the Catterick Branch of the RSA, Mr John McIlree who served in Catterick three times before finishing his military career there in 1990, stated that 'many older veterans see Catterick as the spiritual home of the Corps.'



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WHIT FRIDAY

By Cpl Taylor, Band Catterick

On the 24th May, the British Army Band Catterick took part in the Whit Friday competitions, held in Saddleworth and Tameside. Whit Friday is an event that spans several villages, with an individual contest held at each location. Brass bands from up and down the country travel to these villages to compete against each other - up to 50 bands compete throughout the night. The competitions include performing a march down to the performance spot, where bands are judged on their marching capability, followed by a static performance of a march, where an adjudicator blindly listens and ranks each performance perspectively.

This event was an excellent opportunity to advertise British Army Music, demonstrate our capability and attract potential recruits. It was also a unique experience for our musicians, as they got to compete against some of the finest brass bands from across the country.

Preparation began several weeks before the event. The band voted on which march we would be performing and selected *Ravenswood* by William Rimmer. *Ravenswood* is a classic march that is technically challenging for every instrumentalist. It would be performed up to 10 times throughout the evening, so it was imperative for the band to be in top form.

With the march selected, the band obtained the help of a subject matter expert, Mr Garry

Cutt. He has won the Whit Friday competition several times with the Fairey Band, Foden's, and Brighthouse and Rastrick - these are some of the best brass bands in the world. With the help of Mr Cutt, the band excelled as a musical ensemble; the dynamics were controlled, the ensemble was tightened up, and we learnt a few tricks of the trade.

The day finally arrived, and the band performed at the villages of Lydgate, Grotton, Greenfield, Uppermill, and finally Dobcross.

The night was a success and not only did the band thoroughly enjoy the competition, but we managed to get a result of 4th place at Dobcross, winning £100 for the Army Benevolent Fund.

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MATTHEW POTTS BSC (HONS) GAMES DEVELOPMENT

Matthew was a Lance Corporal combat medic in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the army, where he served for six years.

'I'm looking forward to working on projects independently and with other students in the hope of publishing them, and all being well, I aim to set up my own game studio.'

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Risedale Cheerleaders Strike Gold at World Championships!

Three Risedale pupils, Eva Langdale (Year 8), and sisters Lacey Hanson (Year 10) and Sienna Hanson (Year 8), have soared to the top of the cheerleading world as part of the gold-medal-winning Team England squad at the recent World Cheerleading Championships held in Orlando, Florida.



School Support Fuels the Fire:

Before jetting off to America the girls' passion and talent received recognition closer to home as the Lazer Cheer athletes put on a fantastic showcase which Head of PE, Selina Brierley, and Teacher of Design & Technology, Katie-Anna Vizor, both attended.

Miss Brierley commented, *"The girls' talent is awe-inspiring. Their routines and athleticism are truly amazing. Their passion for cheerleading shines through, and the team is a powerhouse of energy and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of the entire squad, especially our Risedale representatives, Lacey, Sienna, and Eva."*

At the Catterick showcase Eva was named Team Captain for Team England.

Mrs Vizor, Eva's Form Tutor said, *"It was such a special evening to watch the girls in action. I felt*

incredibly proud of Eva when she was announced as England Team Captain."

Facing the World's Best:

On 20th April 2024, 18 Lazer Cheer athletes, including Lacey, Sienna, and Eva, travelled to Orlando, Florida, to compete at *"The Summit,"* one of the most prestigious cheerleading competitions globally. Qualification for the ICU World Cheerleading Championships through a rigorous national process made their participation a significant feat.



Individual and Team Triumphs:

"Florida was absolutely incredible," said Eva. *"It was my first time ever outside the country, and what a way to kick things off - competing for Team England at one of the most prestigious cheerleading competitions in the world! It wasn't all competition though; we had a blast exploring the amazing Disney and Universal Parks. We even got to see some of the cheerleading teams we idolise in action! But the highlight was definitely winning the gold medal with Team England Youth All Girl Advanced at ICU Worlds. It felt surreal - we got championship rings and everything! The trip kept getting better - we also won gold and another ring at The Open Championships with the Lazer Ice Queens, and then finally achieved our big goal of hitting zero deductions at The Summit!"*

Sienna, reflecting on the experience, shared, *"I was so happy to have the opportunity to compete for Team England and bring home a gold Medal."*

Lacey added, *"Having the experience of competing at such a high level in both stunting and tumbling on the world's stage is something I will never forget! I won a bronze medal as part of the Junior All-Girl Elite Team. The whole experience was so exciting and it felt amazing being able to stand on the podium!"*

A Hero's Welcome Back at Risedale:

News of the girls' victory ignited excitement throughout the Risedale community. Back at school, PE Teacher and Sienna's Form Tutor, Andy Lawson, surprised them with a special assembly celebrating their incredible feat. He'd secretly collaborated with Lacey and Sienna's Mum to gather photos for the heart-warming tribute.



Mr Lawson, beaming with pride, addressed the assembly, *"These girls are an inspiration to all of us. Their achievements are a true testament to their years of unwavering dedication and hard work. Risedale School is incredibly fortunate to have such talented athletes - not many schools can boast international champions!"*

Careers Fair 2024

Risedale School Careers Fair Opens Doors to Future Opportunities

Risedale School's annual Careers Fair buzzed with activity on Thursday 18th April, as pupils from all year groups engaged with representatives from further education institutions, local businesses and emergency services. The event, held in the main school hall, aimed to showcase the vast array of career options available to pupils after Risedale.



Throughout the day, pupils rotated between stalls staffed by representatives from Darlington College, Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, The ASK Programme, Askham Bryan College, Inspiring Choices – York St. John University, Richmond Fire Service, Purple Creative Studio, Newcastle Building Society, Army Youth Outreach, Royal Navy Submarine Service, and North Yorkshire Police.

Each year group had dedicated time to explore the exhibits and engage in meaningful conversations with the providers. Pupils were encouraged to ask questions specific to their interests and career aspirations, taking ownership of their exploration and gathering insightful information directly from representatives across the various educational and professional fields.

"This Careers Fair is a crucial component of our ongoing CEIAG programme," explained Risedale's Careers Leader, Helen Porritt. *"We want pupils to have the opportunity to connect with external providers and employers, learning about different career paths and industries."*

Year 9 Pupils Shine

The value of the event resonated with the pupils, particularly Year 9. Mrs Porritt was especially impressed with their recent engagement in school activities that support future career exploration. This included their completion of Reception Duty, participation in Options Evening and careers interviews, culminating in their active and enthusiastic participation in the Careers Fair.



"The Careers Fair was fantastic!" shared Omar Secka (9Sandell). *"Talking to the various providers was amazing, especially the Fire Service! It was inspiring to speak with people who save lives."*

"Trying on the uniforms and getting a closer look at the equipment was great. I really enjoyed it," added James Pollock (9Shepherd).

The representatives were equally enthusiastic. *"We really find it rewarding participating in events like this at local schools,"* said Mark Bastow, Crew Manager from North Yorkshire Fire Service. *"We help pupils explore potential future careers. They love the interactive aspect, trying on uniforms and handling equipment. Even if they're not considering the Fire Service now, it plants a seed for the future."*

Mrs Porritt, concluded, *"I am incredibly grateful to both our pupils for their enthusiasm and the participating exhibitors for their time and insights."*

Risedale Celebrates 'The Month of the Military Child' Military Children Unite in Creative Collaboration

In celebration of the Month of the Military Child, a special workshop took place on Thursday 18th April at Risedale School. Led by Angela Campbell and the Service Children's Champion's team, the event aimed to spotlight the remarkable strength and resilience of military children while showcasing the work of talented local artist Lucy Pittaway.

Service Children from across North Yorkshire participated in the unique art project recreating small, abstract elements from Pittaway's artwork on individual canvases. These canvases were then assembled into a single, powerful piece featuring flowers and imagery embodying the spirit of military children.

Reflecting on the workshop, Risedale's Service Children's Advocate, Stacey Johnson said, *"It was a wonderful afternoon filled with stories, laughter, and a chance for the children to reflect on their unique strengths. I'm confident this is the beginning of many future collaborations with the Service Children's Champion team."*

On Facebook, Lucy Pittaway commented, *"It's just fantastic to see so many young and talented pupils get creative. You are all such an inspiration."*



Lucy Pittaway with the finished artwork.

On Thursday 25th April, the collaborative masterpiece was unveiled at the inaugural Service Children Awards ceremony held at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn.

Service Children Awards 2024 Local Hero: Riley Manuel Wins Community Champion Award

We are thrilled to announce that one of our pupils, Riley Manuel (Year 10), took home the coveted Community Champion Award at the Service Children Awards!



Riley consistently dedicates his free time to making a positive impact. He devotes countless hours to his community, from litter picking around the Garrison to assisting local Councillors. He also volunteers at Bramble Woods and aspires to raise funds for his football and rugby teams. Additionally, Riley demonstrates incredible responsibility at home, helping with his younger siblings who require extra care while his father serves away in the military.

Riley's stepmother, Amy, expressed her pride: *"Riley is an extraordinary and resilient young man. His caring nature and positive attitude inspire him to put others before himself. He takes on a lot of responsibility at home, looking after his younger disabled siblings, and it makes us incredibly proud."*

Service Children's Champion, Angela Campbell, who conceived the awards ceremony, said that Riley was, *"A very worthy winner"* and shared his reaction by saying, *"He told me he felt incredibly proud and determined to continue making a positive impact."*

Stacey Johnson, Risedale Service Children's Advocate, echoed the sentiment: *"I'm immensely proud of Riley. He embodies the values of a true Community Champion and is a credit to the Risedale Family. We have no doubt he'll achieve great things."*

On Facebook, Catterick Garrison Football Manager, Neil Rooney, commented, *"Riley is also a qualified football referee and often referees games for the junior teams of Catterick Garrison Football Centre. Well done Riley!"*

Mason Bassett Sings with Military Choir

Risedale School pupil Mason Bassett had an incredible two days filled with music, collaboration and celebration!

Continuing with the Month of the Military Child theme, young singer Mason Bassett from Risedale School had an unforgettable experience filled with music, collaboration, and celebration with the Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir.



Recording with Legends

The journey began on Thursday 25th April with a recording session at the legendary RAK Studios in London. Here, Mason and his fellow choir members, aged 6-18, collaborated with the esteemed Chelsea Pensioners. This historic studio has seen the likes of Adele, Sam Smith, and Radiohead record their music. Together, they created a unique blend of voices by recording two songs which are planned for release later this year on the choir's upcoming album.

Celebrating Forces Families and Powerful Performances

The excitement continued the following day as the choir took centre stage at the Celebrating Forces Families Awards Ceremony. Hosted by Antony Cotton MBE (better known as Sean Tully from Coronation Street!), the event honoured the strength of military families.

The Voices of Armed Forces Children Choir delivered a powerful performance of their original song "Dandelion," which captures the unique experiences of military children. They further impressed the audience with two additional songs alongside the renowned Military Wives Choir.

Sharing Experiences Through Song

Mason began singing with the choir at Le Cateau Community Primary School and has continued since moving into secondary education at Risedale School. *"My favourite part about the choir is meeting other Service Children and making friends. It's great that we can share our experiences and support each other."*

Due to the choir members being spread across the UK, rehearsals are typically held online with in-person gatherings reserved for special

performances like this. *"We were all really nervous before we went on stage, but the huge round of applause we received at the end was amazing!"* said Mason. *"I'm proud to be part of the choir and this is an experience I'll never forget."*

Good Citizen Awards for Risedale Pupils

Risedale School celebrates Kaiden Collins and Joshua Scott for their positive impact on the community.

Two Risedale School pupils are being recognised for their outstanding contributions! Kaiden Collins and Joshua Scott, both in Year 9, have been awarded the prestigious North Yorkshire Youth Commission Good Citizen Awards.



The awards acknowledge exceptional young people across the county who go above and beyond to make a positive difference.

Kaiden and Joshua were presented with their certificates during tutor time on Wednesday 1st May and received their certificates to a spontaneous round of applause from their classmates.

"We heard about the award from our Tutor Miss Smith and thought it would be a great way to get involved with the community," said Kaiden. *"We thought that litter picking around the Garrison would be a great way to show our commitment to our local area and the environment."*

Joshua echoed Kaiden's sentiment, adding, *"I'm really glad that I took part and I'm sure that the Good Citizen Award will be beneficial to our college applications."*

Beyond their community efforts, Kaiden and Joshua are also active members of the Risedale Family. They contribute their time as part of the school's Librarian team. Their recent achievement highlights the power of young people to make a real difference.

"Kaiden and Josh are already hardworking pupils at Risedale," said their Form Tutor Katie Smith, expressing her immense pride in their accomplishments. *"Earning their Good Citizen Award shows that they are willing to go the extra mile for their community. This will be a great addition to their CVs and they should be very proud of themselves!"*

I'm also looking forward to seeing some other pupils in our tutor group achieve this award as they work towards it."

The North Yorkshire Youth Commission presents the Good Citizen Award on behalf of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner, Zoë Metcalfe. The programme acknowledges the contributions of exceptional young people across the county.

Exploring Local History: A journey through Catterick's past

On Thursday 2nd May, a group of Year 7 Risedale School pupils enjoyed a fun-filled educational morning at the opening of a historical exhibition at Catterick Garrison Library.



Mike Houlgate, Head of History at Risedale School, said, *"The pupils were fascinated by the whole experience. They loved looking at the artefacts, trying to decipher Morse Code messages, and chatting with a real Roman soldier – well, a veteran dressed as one!"* The exhibition's interactive elements and first-hand accounts from veterans in the Garrison Origins project brought history to life for the Risedale pupils. The trip was a valuable addition to their curriculum, sparking their interest in the rich local heritage of Catterick Garrison.

A Touching Tribute

Adding a special touch to the exhibition was a display of poems written by Risedale School pupils about Armistice - Remembrance Day. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful way to commemorate such an important time in history. If you're visiting the exhibition, be sure to check out the winning poems!

Mark Hill MBE tells us more about the exhibition in his own words

"As May marks Local and Community History Month, the Catterick Historical Archive, in collaboration with Headquarters Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire Council Catterick, Richmond and Colburn Community Libraries

came together to celebrate the rich history of the Catterick area.



This collaboration culminated in a captivating history exhibition hosted at the Catterick Library, showcasing a diverse array of artefacts from different periods, including Roman and Saxon relics, as well as items from both World Wars. Students also explored a collection of archaeological specimens, including fossils from extinct flora.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Garrison Commander, who delivered a poignant speech before officially opening the event by cutting the ribbon. Attended by local school children from Risedale School, Le Cateau Community Primary School and Cambrai Primary School along with Veterans and members of the public, the exhibition aimed to educate and engage visitors of all ages.

During the exhibition, participating schools engaged in educational exercises crafted by their teachers, designed to encourage fact-finding and note-taking. A highlight of the display was a Morse Code table equipped with an osculator key, providing students with the opportunity to learn about this historic communication method by writing their names and secret messages in Morse Code.

Adding an immersive touch to the exhibition, one of the Veterans from the Catterick Historical Archive Group donned the attire of a Roman soldier, lending authenticity to discussions about the Roman artefacts with young attendees. Additionally, a moving poem titled 'Poppy Fields of Remembrance,' penned by a Veteran around Armistice, Remembrance, was prominently featured, offering a poignant reflection on the sacrifices made during wartime.

The Garrison Library, known for its extensive military book section, further enriched the exhibition experience with recorded voices of Veterans sharing their personal stories through the Garrison Origins project. These narratives provide visitors with a deeper understanding of the experiences of those who served.

Central to the event was the mission to educate young people about the local history and heritage of Catterick Garrison and its surrounding parishes,

while also inspiring a love for reading. The opening of the exhibition was covered by BFBS Catterick, amplifying the reach of our message and ensuring that the community was informed about this unique opportunity to delve into Catterick's past.

A BIG thank you to all those involved."

Mark Hill MBE | Veteran

Year 10 Enterprise Day

Risedale's Y10 pupils get equipped for the future with inspiring Enterprise Day

Year 10 pupils at Risedale recently gained valuable life skills in preparation for further education and the world of work through an engaging Enterprise Day.



L-R Alex Kumzinda, Nathanael Hall, Jackson Kavanagh, Helen Porritt, Jo Stokes, Mlak Bakar and Alice Winham.

Held on Wednesday 8th May, the event was facilitated by "As Creatives," a specialist company delivering interactive learning workshops for schools nationwide. Focusing on developing crucial "soft skills" sought after by employers, the day centred on the "5 Rs": Relationships, Resourcefulness, Risk-taking, Resilience, and Reflection.

The day kicked off with pupils divided into teams of four. They then tackled two stimulating activities:

The Trading Game: Transformed into countries, teams navigated stock and share trading with a simulated "World Bank," experiencing the importance of collaboration and strategy.

The Bunker: Putting teamwork and communication to the test, pupils tackled a code-breaking challenge, honing their connection-building skills.

The afternoon saw the year group participate in a "Getting Ready for Work" workshop, equipping them with essential knowledge and confidence for their upcoming Work Experience Week.

Following the day's activities, pupils reflected on their learnings through an evaluation session.

Year 10 pupil Nathanael Hall said, "The day has been really fun and engaging. We've been kept busy doing lots of different activities. It's been nice having people from an outside organisation coming into school and putting on this day for us.

They have been really helpful in answering all our questions and you can see how enthusiastic they are to be here."

Another pupil Mlak Bakar said, "I really enjoyed Enterprise Day. The Trading Game was great. It challenged my skills and showed how important it was to keep going and be resilient."

Alice Winham, Mlak's teammate commented, "I was really proud of the way we all worked together as a team."

Jackson Kavanagh from As Creatives reflected on the day by saying, "The pupils have been absolutely phenomenal! The pupils have behaved impeccably and risen to every challenge we have given them. The future is in safe hands with these Risedale pupils - well done Year 10!"

Risedale School Careers Leader, Helen Porritt said, "Employability skills in the World of Work are just one strand of Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance that has changed hugely over the last few years. Learning and practising the 5 R skills allows our pupils to mature into confident young adults ready to enter the widely changing job market in the near future. Employers value and look for these skills in their workforce." Mrs Porritt added, "Thank you again to Jackson and Jo from As Creatives for delivering such a fantastic day for our Year 10 pupils!"

Risedale says 'Thank You' for D-Day 80

Risedale School marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day with a poignant commemorative assembly and poster competition

On 6th June, Risedale School commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings with a heartfelt assembly honouring veterans. Pupils had been diligently studying the meticulous preparations made by Allied forces in the years leading up to the invasion (1943-1944). This included learning about the formidable Atlantic Wall and the immense courage displayed by paratroopers who disrupted German defences in occupied France.



The entire school community participated in remembrance activities. Tutor groups and classes channelled their gratitude into heartfelt posters for

a grand display. Local veterans, esteemed members of the community, served as judges for the "Thank You" themed competition.

The assembly served as a platform for pupil-written tributes to fallen soldiers. Some delivered powerful prose, while others expressed their emotions through heartfelt poetry.

"We were truly honoured to have veterans join us for this significant event," remarked Mike Houlgate, Head of History at Risedale. *"These commemorations hold deep meaning for our local community, reminding us of the sacrifices made to secure our freedom."*

Veteran Mark Hill MBE, representing the Catterick Historical Archive alongside fellow veterans Knile Albertson-Prescott and Paula Rogers, shared his experience. *"It was a privilege to be at Risedale's D-Day assembly, especially after having my poem read out in Normandy the previous day. Witnessing young people learn about this pivotal moment in history - we will remember them,"* he said, referring to the fallen soldiers.

The Veterans Historical Archive also hosted a school-wide competition inviting pupils to create D-Day tributes. The judging process for these creative posters proved challenging, highlighting the exceptional quality of the entries. *"Congratulations to everyone who participated,"* concluded Mr Hill. *"Well done to everyone at Risedale. You are a credit to the school!"*

Risedale Governor, Gary Morley, completes charity walk from Land's End to John O'Groats

Gary Morley, a Governor at Risedale School, completed an impressive walk from Land's End to John O'Groats. He started his journey on Monday, 1st April and arrived at John O'Groats 61 days later, on Saturday, 1st June 2024. Gary covered a total distance of 1,240.1 miles during his walk and raised over £4000 for Prostate Cancer UK.

Gary said, *"The idea of walking from Land's End to John O'Groats has been on my mind since 2009 and I loved the idea of exploring and seeing new places."*



To prepare for his walk, Gary, an Army Veteran of the Gloucestershire regiment, sent parcels across

the country to friends, family, and fellow Veterans. In the parcels, he included resources, maps, and other necessary items he needed for his journey.

Along the way, Gary met other walkers, but the adventure was mainly a solo one. He camped in his one-man tent most of the time but also stayed in hostels and with friends along the route. His friends who offered him a place to stay would drop him back at his starting point the next day. During the walk, Gary only stayed at home in Darlington for 2 nights to rest, enjoy some home comforts, and buy a replacement pair of walking boots!

During his journey, Gary posted daily updates to his social media pages, sharing images of the beautiful scenery, changeable weather, and mileage updates. His love of coffee, cake, and the occasional pint of Guinness was also evident in the photos he posted.

Gary remarked, *"Every morning, I posted a selfie and it was wonderful to receive everyone's messages of encouragement. It truly motivated me throughout the day, and I enjoyed reading the comments. It felt like everyone was with me, supporting me along the way with their kind messages."*

This isn't the first time Gary has travelled from Land's End to John O'Groats; in fact, it's his 5th time, which he completed between 2009 and 2015. However, all his previous Land's End to John O'Groats adventures were done by bike, often with the Hummersknott Cycle group which he led with fellow Risedale School colleague, Gary Lamont.

Upon reaching Scotland, Gary knew the finish line was in sight. He then set up and shared his JustGiving page to appeal for donations to Prostate Cancer UK.

Gary explained, *"I chose not to set up the donation page at the start of the walk just in case I couldn't finish, and I didn't want to disappoint anyone. But the support I've received has been astonishing. I am so grateful!"*

On 1st June, Gary arrived at John O'Groats where he was welcomed by his wife Emma and one of his daughters, Keziah, at the famous signpost landmark.

His proud wife Emma said, *"It was great to be able to support Gary on those last few days. We are all extremely proud of everything he has achieved."*

Gary received unwavering support from his army veteran friends, colleagues, and of course, his family: his wife Emma and daughters Keziah and Alice.

Congratulations Gary from everyone at Risedale School. You are an inspiration to us all!

Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival 2024

Risedale Rocks the 2024 Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival!

Another year, another fantastic trip to the Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival for Risedale School! This year, on Thursday 6th June, 45 eager pupils from Years 7, 8, and 9 joined fellow North Yorkshire participants for a day packed with activities designed to boost wellbeing and conquer comfort zones, helping to improve mental health and resilience.

A Day of Fun and Growth:

The festival featured a diverse range of activities including an inflatable obstacle course, games, a bungee run, bounce fitness sessions, an outdoor combat class, and Kin-Ball. These activities offered opportunities for physical activity and skill development. The highlight of the event was the colourful and vibrant colour run where participants were showered with coloured powder. In addition to the physical activities, pupils and staff had the chance to express their creativity in crafting tents where they made badges and bracelets.

Throughout the day, festival-goers were motivated and empowered by international public speaker James Kirton, who represented Great Britain in the 2008 Summer Olympics in the 200-meter breaststroke.



Teachers Rave about Pupil Success:

Lisa Smith, Risedale School Counsellor, beamed with pride: *"Our pupils were superstars! They worked together brilliantly as a team, cheering each other on throughout the day."*

Selina Brierley, Head of PE at Risedale, echoed the sentiment: *"The festival was fantastic and our pupils did us proud! Thank you to everyone who participated, you were incredible!!!"*

Kaite-Anna Vizor, Teacher of Design and Technology, couldn't contain her enthusiasm: *"What an incredible day with the most amazing group of pupils! I can't wait for next year!"*

The 2024 Dalby Forest Wellbeing Festival proved to be another fantastic opportunity for Risedale pupils to explore new activities, build confidence, and strengthen their sense of community. It was a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and a newfound appreciation for the importance of wellbeing! Brilliant work #TeamRisedale.

Risedale Runners Shine at North Yorkshire Athletics Championships

Three Risedale School athletes shine after impressive performances at the North Yorkshire Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday 8th June.

Leading the charge was Rio Regan (9Sandell), who dominated the 800m race with a phenomenal personal best time of 2 minutes and 19 seconds. This scorching time secured him a well-deserved 1st place medal. Rio's success doesn't stop there - he's already set to take on the upcoming Inter Counties event at Gateshead International Stadium on Saturday 15th June. The whole Risedale Family is behind Rio, cheering him on for another victory!

"This was a fantastic day for our son," said Rio's proud father, Allan Regan. *"He has done himself, the school, and our family incredibly proud. We're grateful for all the help and support he has received from Risedale."*

Lucas Kirk (10Dunphy) also impressed on the track, showcasing his athleticism across both the 100m and 200m events. Lucas battled through a demanding day of qualifying rounds before reaching the finals. He secured a strong second-place finish in his 100m heat, followed by a commendable fifth-place finish in the final. Lucas continued his impressive performance in the 200m, competing fiercely against a competitive field.

Lucas' mother, Michelle, expressed her pride: *"We are so proud of Lucas' achievements. Thank you to the school for putting him forward for this experience."*

Like Lucas, Jay-Ron Browne (9Knight), tackled both the 100m and 200m races, showcasing his determination throughout the day. He achieved a strong position in both events, gaining valuable experience that will undoubtedly propel him towards future success.

"I was incredibly nervous before the events," Jay-Ron admitted, *"but I'm really pleased with my results and I'm hopeful to go even further next year."*

PE Teacher Andy Lawson couldn't be prouder of his pupils. *"The boys qualified for the North Yorkshires after excelling at the Area Athletics Trials,"* he said. *"To then compete at such a high level and demonstrate such resilience and athleticism is truly remarkable. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves."*

Congratulations to Rio, Lucas, and Jay-Ron on their outstanding performances.



Calum Sankey on the Radio

Risedale School pupil records weather report at BFBS Catterick.

Year 10 pupil Calum Sankey recently turned his passion for meteorology into a real-world experience! Calum, whose particular interest lies

in storms, has been working on a project in this field for the past few months. This dedication recently earned him an invitation from BFBS Catterick to visit their facilities and record a weather report.



Congratulations to Calum on this fantastic achievement! His initiative in exploring meteorology as a potential career is truly commendable. Everyone at Risedale is very proud of you Calum!

Risedale School minibus gets a makeover with help from Y10 Work Experience pupil Filipe Senivota

Risedale School is excited to unveil its newly refurbished minibus, sporting a striking design created by Eyecatching Signs, a local signage company in Richmond. The vibrant graphics and fresh decals are sure to turn heads wherever the bus travels.



This makeover goes beyond just aesthetics. It highlights the valuable contribution of Filipe Senivota, a Year 10 pupil at Risedale. During his Work Experience placement at Eyecatching Signs, Filipe played a key role in bringing the new design to life by lending a hand with the application of the decals.

"We are incredibly grateful to Eyecatching Signs for their fantastic work on our minibus and for hosting Filipe," said Risedale School Facilities Manager, Gill Morrissey. *"The new design looks brilliant and is sure to stand out. They'll definitely know its Risedale coming when our new minibus is out and about on its travels. We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Filipe for his helping hand during his work experience. His contribution demonstrates the value of the Work Experience programme and the positive impact our pupils have made during their placements."*

Catterick Historical Archive Brings History to Life for Y8 Pupils

In an inspiring collaboration, the Catterick Historical Archive has been working closely with Risedale School to provide Year 8 pupils with a unique educational experience through a series of outdoor history walks. These walks, designed to complement the curriculum, have focused on the historical significance of the old Catterick Camp Railway, which once ran parallel to the main road leading into Catterick Garrison.



The initiative, which takes learning outside the traditional classroom setting, aims to deepen pupils' understanding of local history and the role the railway played in shaping the region. As they strolled along the historic path, pupils were transported back in time, discovering how the railway served as a vital link during significant periods in Catterick's past.

During the walks, knowledgeable guides from the Catterick Historical Archive shared fascinating stories about the railway's construction, its operational years, and eventual decline. Pupils learned about the pivotal role the railway played in supporting the military operations of Catterick Garrison, especially during the two World Wars.

The interactive nature of these history walks allowed pupils to engage with their local heritage in a meaningful way. They explored various landmarks and remnants of the old railway, which sparked curiosity and encouraged them to ask insightful questions about their surroundings. This hands-on learning experience not only enriched their historical knowledge but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the community they live in.

Teachers at Risedale School have praised the partnership with the Catterick Historical Archive, noting that the outdoor history walks have significantly enhanced the pupils' learning experience. By stepping outside the classroom, pupils have gained a tangible connection to the history they study, making the subject more engaging and relevant.

The walk concluded at Camp Centre Roundabout, followed by lunch at The Centenary Hub in Piave Lines. This break allowed them to reflect on their morning explorations before embarking on the next leg of their journey to the Locomotion Railway Museum in Shildon. At the museum, pupils further expanded their knowledge of railway history. After a presentation on the history of Catterick Garrison, pupils explored a diverse collection of locomotives and learned about the evolution of rail transport.

The success of these history walks highlights the importance of community involvement in education. The Catterick Historical Archive's dedication to preserving and sharing local history has provided Risedale School's Year 8 pupils with an unforgettable educational journey. As the partnership continues, both organisations look forward to exploring more aspects of Catterick's rich history, ensuring that future generations remain connected to their heritage.

Mark Hill MBE | Veteran | Catterick Historical Archive

Risedale Service Children Celebrate Armed Forces Day in Style!

Year 7 and 8 Service Children at Risedale School had a blast celebrating Armed Forces Day on Wednesday 19th June 2024, at Ypres Lines. The event offered a unique blend of learning and fun, allowing them to gain valuable insights into the world of the Armed Forces in a truly engaging way.

The day kicked off with a heart-warming display of camaraderie. While waiting for the opening ceremony, Risedale's Service Children showed their hospitality by entertaining pupils from another school. Their patience and resilience shone through even amidst the excitement and large crowds.



The festivities included a thrilling tug-of-war competition, where the girls emerged victorious in a display of impressive teamwork! Camouflage face painting was a big hit, transforming the children into mini-soldiers for the day.

The highlight for many was the delicious food prepared by the British Army Chefs. On top of that, there was even complimentary ice cream to enjoy in the sunshine!

"This event provided a fantastic opportunity for our Service Children to learn more about the Armed Forces and gain a deeper appreciation for the important and special jobs that their parents do," said Stacey Johnson, Risedale School's Service Children's Advocate. *"They had the chance to ask questions, have fun, and connect with the soldiers who were fantastic throughout the day. The soldiers patiently answered questions, provided entertainment, and the incredible band's performance added a joyful touch under the beautiful sunshine."*

A big thank you to Service Children's Champion, Angela Campbell, and her team for organising such a heart-warming and memorable day!

Cyanotype Workshop

Risedale School Pupils Embrace the Sun with Cyanotype Workshop



On Wednesday 26th June, a group of Risedale School pupils delved into the world of alternative photography with a cyanotype workshop. Led by Design & Technology teacher Katie-Anna Vizor and visiting artist Elaine Vizor, the session offered a unique opportunity for the pupils to explore a sunlight-powered artistic

technique with a rich history dating back to the 1840s. Cyanotypes, also known as blueprints, were invented by Sir John Herschel as a way to reproduce scientific documents. This early photographic process uses light-sensitive iron salts to create distinctive blueprints.

"It was a wonderful experience for the pupils," shared Mrs Vizor. "Having my own Mum, Elaine, guide them through this historic process made it even more special."

The workshop began with Elaine introducing the cyanotype process to the pupils. They started by creating small cyanotypes on specialised photosensitive paper, familiarising themselves with the technique. As their confidence grew, they progressed to larger-scale projects, experimenting with textiles and even creating cyanotype designs on t-shirts.

Sunny skies proved to be a perfect partner for the workshop. Mrs Vizor remarked, *"The pupils truly enjoyed the experience, and the cyanotypes they created were fantastic. The beautiful weather allowed us to use sunlight effectively to expose the cyanotypes, making the entire day a resounding success."*

Elaine Vizor added to the positive atmosphere, commenting, *"It was a fantastic afternoon working with the Risedale pupils. I normally work with adults, so to have the opportunity to share my knowledge with secondary school pupils was a brilliant experience."*

She added, *"Every pupil was engaged in the process. They were magnificent and a pleasure to work with. Their creativity shone through and their individuality was evident in the varied designs they produced. The workshop went very smoothly and too quickly. We covered a lot of ground and it was a joy to work with such an interested, motivated and appreciative group of young people. It was also incredibly rewarding to see my daughter, Mrs Vizor, in action, teaching and inspiring the next generation."*

Risedale Celebrates Pride in Style!

Risedale School exploded with colour this June in celebration of Pride Month!

Throughout June, Risedale School took on a vibrant new look in celebration of Pride Month! The school canteen and flagpoles became a canvas of colour, adorned with Pride flags displayed proudly. Our ever-enthusiastic LGBTQIA+ Club wasn't to be outdone. They channelled their creativity into a fantastic new display for the link corridor. This eye-catching piece, a testament to their artistic talents, used mixed media, spray paints, and marker pens to create a truly special addition to the school.



The festivities continued on Friday 21st June, with a heart-warming charity movie afternoon featuring the film *"Everybody's Talking About Jamie"*. Pupils enjoyed sweets and treats (available at the pre-movie sweet sale run by the fantastic LGBTQIA+ Club!) while learning about acceptance and individuality.

All the money raised during Pride Month will be going to Out North East, a wonderful charity that champions LGBTQ+ communities in the North East.

On Facebook, Out North East, said, *"Thank you for your support! You are amazing!"*

The month culminated in a rainbow-themed fun-filled Non-Uniform Day on Friday 28th June, where pupils donned their most colourful attire in a celebration of diversity. The LGBTQIA+ Club continued their fundraising efforts by hosting a bake sale alongside the Non-Uniform Day, adding even more to the total for Out North East. To top it all off, our inspiring Headteacher, Mr Colin Scott, addressed the entire school during a special Pride Assembly.

We're incredibly proud of the Risedale community for coming together and creating such a positive and inclusive atmosphere!

The Class of 2024 had a wonderful night at their Year 11 Leavers' Prom

Year 11 pupils marked the end of their academic journey at Risedale School with a glamorous night at The Blackwell Grange Hotel in Darlington on Friday 28th June. The Leavers' Prom was a resounding success, filled with laughter, dancing, and memories to cherish.

Oliver Cooke and Scarlett Curtis were crowned Prom King and Queen, adding an extra touch of magic to the night.

Special thanks go to our amazing Teacher of Design and Technology, Mrs Vizor (Kav Photography), who captured the magic of the evening with her fabulous photography skills. The school also extends its gratitude to The Blackwell Grange Hotel for their hospitality in hosting this special occasion.



Prom Photo Montage.

Sports Day 2024 #TeamRisedale

Risedale Bids Farewell to Head of PE, Miss Brierley, at a Spectacular Sports Day.

Risedale School celebrated an unforgettable Sports Day on Wednesday 3rd July 2024, at Catterick Athletics Stadium. This year's event held special significance as it marked the final Sports Day for Selina Brierley, our esteemed Head of PE, who is retiring after an incredible 25 years at Risedale.



The day was filled with excitement and friendly competition as pupils participated in classic track and field events alongside a thrilling array of inflatables, an assault course, jousting challenges, zorb football, and much more! Even the Headteacher, Colin Scott, joined in the fun, taking on pupils in the sumo wrestling challenge!

Attenborough House emerged victorious, claiming the top spot with a commanding lead of 1404

points. Congratulations to all the athletes who contributed to their House's success!

House System and Rewards Manager, Michael Gunnell said, *"I am incredibly proud of all our pupils who participated in this year's Sports Day. The enthusiasm and effort were nothing short of spectacular. Witnessing the camaraderie among the pupils, especially with the older pupils setting such a fine example for our Year 6 visitors, was truly inspiring."*

As a proud member of Seacole House, it pains me to admit defeat, but we must extend a huge congratulations to Attenborough House for their impressive victory. They stormed ahead and secured a commanding lead. These results have been added to the overall house points for the year, with Pankhurst House now appearing to hold an insurmountable lead at the top.

Thank you to everyone, especially the PE department, for making this sports day an outstanding success."

A Fond Farewell to Miss Brierley

In a moment tinged with both joy and farewell, this marked the final Sports Day for our beloved Head of PE, Selina Brierley, who is retiring after a remarkable 25 years at Risedale. The entire Risedale Family extends its deepest gratitude for her dedication that has instilled a lifelong love of sportsmanship in countless pupils. Taking the baton forward in the PE department will be Andy Lawson and we're excited to see him build on our foundation of enthusiasm and help Risedale reach even greater heights in PE!



Miss Brierley reflected on the day, acknowledging the initial damp weather that couldn't dampen anyone's spirits. She expressed her immense gratitude to the staff, the Army for their continued support, and most importantly, the pupils for their resilience and sportsmanship. Highlighting these

qualities made her incredibly proud as she stepped off the athletics stadium for the last time.

Miss Brierley added a heartfelt message about her time at Risedale: *"It has been an absolute privilege. The staff are amazing, and we are all friends as well as colleagues. Thank you, Risedale, for the best years of my life – it's been a blast!"*



Sports Day Photo Montage.

Risedale School Remembers: WWII, the Italian Campaign and Commonwealth Contributions



On Thursday 4th July, Risedale School held a special assembly for pupils in Years 7 & 8 dedicated to the remembrance and education of the Second World War, with a particular focus on the Italian Campaign and the broader contributions of the Commonwealth forces. This event was not only an educational opportunity but also a heartfelt tribute to the sacrifices and valour of those who served during one of the most pivotal conflicts in human history.

The assembly was further enriched by a visit organised by the Catterick Historical Archive (SHAPE-UK). Renowned military historian Jahan Mahmood delivered a captivating presentation, sharing his extensive knowledge and engaging pupils with stories from the past. Mr Mahmood's

expertise and passion for history brought the events of WWII to life, providing a deeply engaging educational experience.

The assembly began with an engaging presentation that provided a broad overview of World War II. Pupils and staff were transported back to a time when the world was engulfed in a struggle between the Allied and Axis powers. The narrative covered the major theatres of war, key battles, and strategic decisions that shaped the course of history. By setting this context, the assembly aimed to give pupils a comprehensive understanding of the global scale and impact of the war.

The highlight of the assembly was the detailed exploration of the Italian Campaign. This often overlooked chapter of WWII was crucial in the Allied efforts to weaken Axis powers in Europe. Pupils learned about key operations and the brutal battle of Monte Cassino.

The special assembly at Risedale School was more than just a history lesson; it was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by previous generations. By focusing on the Italian Campaign and the contributions of the Commonwealth, the assembly provided pupils with a deeper appreciation for the complexities of war and the importance of global cooperation.

Thank you to Mark Hill MBe (Veteran | Catterick Historical Archive) for providing this article.

Risedale School Welcomes New Headteacher for September 2024



L-R: Chair of the Risedale School Governing Body John Glahome, incoming Headteacher Mrs Lucy Greenwood, outgoing Headteacher Mr Colin Scott, with Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Charlie Anderson who is also a Governor at Risedale.

Risedale School is preparing for a change in leadership as Mr Colin Scott, the current Headteacher, steps down after eight successful years.

Welcoming Mrs Lucy Greenwood

The Risedale Family warmly welcomes Mrs Lucy Greenwood as their new Headteacher, commencing her duties in September 2024.

Mrs Greenwood brings a wealth of experience from her current role as Deputy Headteacher at Harrogate High School.

Mrs Greenwood expressed her commitment to the school's values, stating: 'I am so excited to be joining the warm and welcoming Risedale Family and very much looking forward to leading the school through the next chapter of its journey. I am committed to ensuring that every Risedale pupil has a positive future and benefits from excellent learning experiences.'

A Fond Farewell to Mr Scott

Risedale School bids a fond farewell to Mr Scott, who steps down after a successful eight-year tenure as Headteacher.

"It has been the highlight of my teaching career to lead Risedale for the past eight years," Mr Scott reflected. "Together, we've built a strong foundation for the school's future. The supportive pupils, parents, and staff are what make us the Risedale Family."

He added, *"During my tenure, Risedale has truly thrived. Our pupil population has grown significantly, meaning more families are making Risedale their first choice! We've expanded our curriculum, strengthened our financial footing, and grown our team with specialised staff. Every pupil now benefits from a Chromebook,*

along with extended SEND provision and a full-time counsellor. I'm proud to have been part of this journey, and I'm confident these positive developments will continue under Mrs Greenwood's leadership."

He continued, *"I wish Mrs Greenwood all the very best. Her experience and leadership will be a great asset, and I look forward to seeing Risedale continue to thrive under her guidance."*

Risedale: A Unique School Community

Risedale School is a coeducational community secondary school fostering a welcoming environment for pupils aged 11 to 16. The school has one of the largest proportions of service children of any secondary school in the UK and this military connection is an essential part of the school's distinctive character.

Continued Success with Strong Military Partnership

Lt. Col. Charlie Anderson, Garrison Commander and Risedale Governor commended the school's enduring partnership with the military. Lt. Col. Anderson remarked, *"Risedale is a fantastic school that is fully committed to supporting our service families and children. On behalf of the Garrison, I would like to thank Mr Scott for his hard work and leadership and welcome Mrs Greenwood to 'Team Risedale'."*

I look forward to seeing Risedale go from strength to strength, under Mrs Greenwood's leadership."

New Chapter for Risedale

Risedale's Chair of Governors, John Glahome, commented, *"The Governing Body is delighted to welcome Mrs Greenwood to Risedale School. Lucy's vision for the future of Risedale struck a chord with us. Her commitment to a personalised learning journey for every pupil perfectly aligns with our mission of empowering all pupils to reach their full potential. We are confident that under her leadership, Risedale will continue to thrive."*

He added, *"Along with all the governors I recognise the incredible contribution Mr Scott has made to the school during his eight years as Headteacher. His focus has always been on the best outcomes for the pupils both academically and as individuals. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Colin and wish him every success in his future after Risedale."*

The entire Risedale Family wishes Mr Scott all the very best in his future endeavours. His leadership and contributions to our school community are deeply appreciated. We are also thrilled to welcome Mrs Greenwood as our new Headteacher and are excited to embark on a new chapter of growth and development under her guidance.

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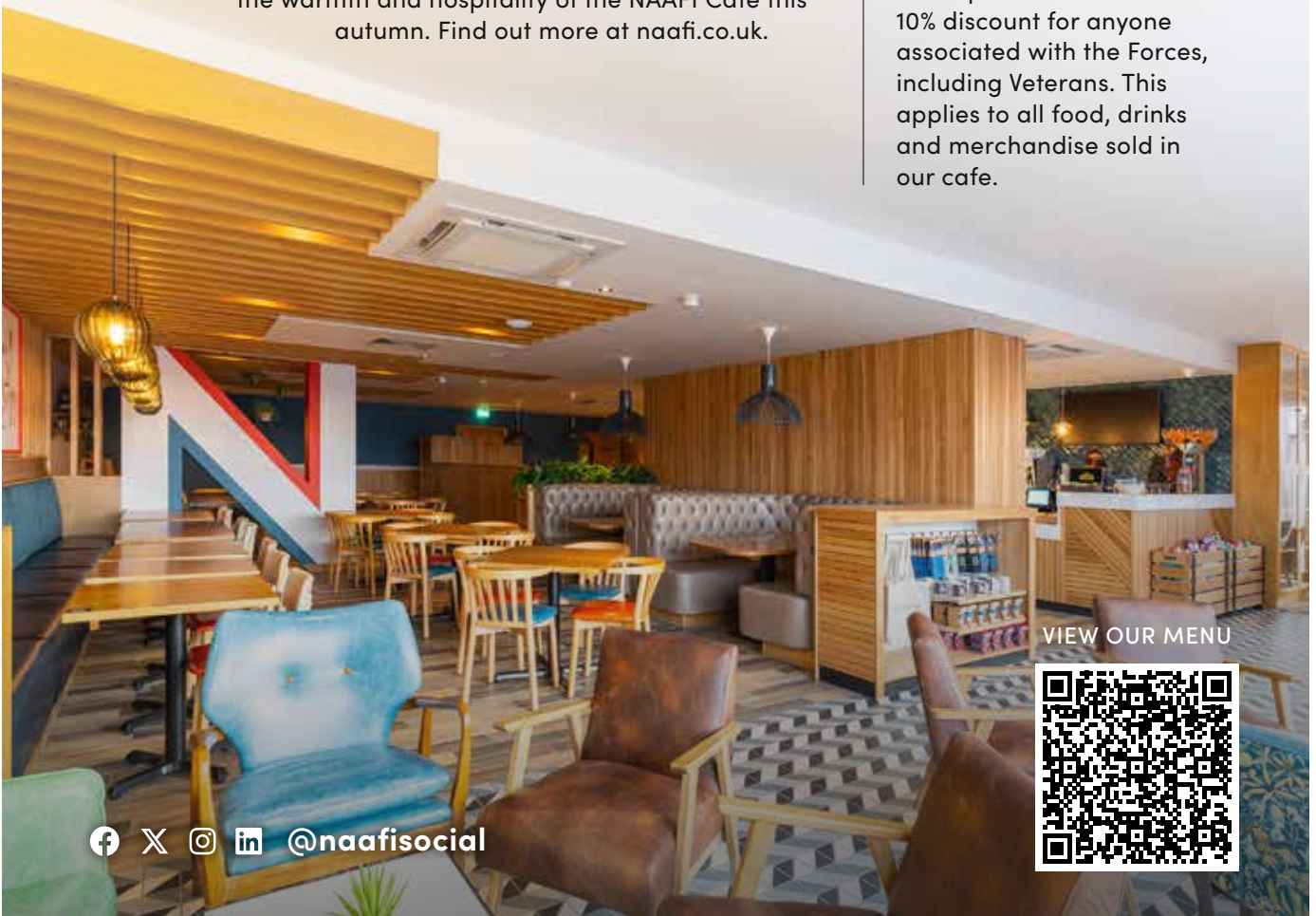
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RISEDALE PUPILS TRIUMPH IN PRIMARY INSPIRATION THROUGH ENTERPRISE (PIE) PROJECT

By Mark Hill MBE

Risedale School has emerged as the overall winner of the prestigious Primary Inspiration through Enterprise (PIE) Project school competition. This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit of the Year 7 pupils and their committed teacher, Mrs Jane Hailwood.

The PIE Project aims to foster entrepreneurial and enterprise business skills, inspiring young minds through engaging, hands-on projects. Competing against numerous schools across the North East, Risedale School's pupils demonstrated exceptional creativity, teamwork, and business acumen, securing the top position in this esteemed competition.

The winning business idea from Risedale School was to create a school magazine. This publication showcased the great work at the school, highlighting academic achievements, sporting successes, and other extracurricular activities. The business element and profit-making aspect involved visiting local businesses, where the pupils presented a professional pitch to business owners and



secured advertising space, generating profit from advertising sales. The pupils' vision was to celebrate the diverse talents and accomplishments within the school community, fostering a sense of pride and unity among pupils and staff.

All participating schools received an initial £100 seed funding grant, which supported the setting up of their business ideas.

The top three schools were invited to a Zoom call. I would like to congratulate all the participants for their amazing efforts. Ammar Mirza CBE, one of the PIE Project's trustees and a radio presenter on Spice FM in Newcastle, announced the winners live on air. The 3rd, 2nd, and 1st placements were broadcast on Spice FM and reached audiences worldwide.



We were also honoured to welcome Lt Col Andy Black from the Army, a trustee of The PIE Project. His presence added significance to the event and provided further encouragement to the students. Upon becoming winners, Lt Col Andy Black presented the pupils with a cheque for £2000.

Mrs Hailwood, a Senior Teacher at Risedale, played a pivotal role in guiding and mentoring the pupils throughout the project. Her unwavering commitment, especially during the busy end-of-year period, was instrumental in their success. The pupils' enthusiasm and innovative ideas were brilliantly showcased, earning them well-deserved recognition.

As the school's PIE Project volunteer, known as PIE'Oneers, I express immense pride in every single pupil, acknowledging their hard work and dedication – well done.

Risedale School's success in the PIE Project not only brings pride to the school community but also serves as an inspiration for other pupils to engage in entrepreneurial and enterprise



activities. This victory underscores the importance of fostering creativity and enterprise skills in young minds, preparing them for future challenges and opportunities.

Congratulations to Risedale School, its talented pupils; **Oliva Bamber, Willow Curtis, Rosie Dobson, Olivia Naylor, Louise Savery, Florence Sewell**, and the dedicated staff for this outstanding achievement!



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The collection was organised by Sharin Martin, from Garrison Support Unit, with donations from GSU and HQ Catterick Garrison staff, Chris, and Jackie Lamb, (Defence Digital & DST) and Jason

Davis (TSU). The GSM, WO1 Tim Stead, staff and residents of the Beacon also attended the presentation.

A personal thank you was received from Jade Lightfoot, Service Manager of The Beacon.

"I'd like to thank the community on behalf of The Beacon staff and customers for the wonderful donations we received. Our store is now fully stocked and will be a great help to our Veterans that are facing financial hardship and rely on our support. For those who don't know about The Beacon, we are a supported living scheme with 31 self-contained flats who supports vulnerable Veterans who are homeless or at risk

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BIKE DAY AT LE CATEAU CP SCHOOL

By Carrie Galloway

The bikes were out in force at Le Cateau CP School on Friday 7th June for the annual Bike day. Children from all year groups came out in force to take part in many different activities on offer, from a cycle disco to a bike grand prix.

Each year group was treated to an Extreme Bike Show where they performed stunts and tricks, using some of our willing staff members as props.

Bike Day is always an exciting day in the Le Cateau calendar, bringing together the whole school in fun and laughter.

Thank you to all the parents who bought raffle tickets and bacon rolls this morning - we have raised nearly £200! The raffle will be drawn early next week and we will announce the prizes and winners.

Thank you to Extreme Mountainbike Show, ML Sports & Fitness and Swale Cycles for putting on events, demonstrations and activities for our children!

Thank you to all our staff who worked hard to provide a range of bike themed sessions and kept everyone safe while having fun.

The children did you proud today - a member of the public commented how well-mannered and polite they are while we were on our cycle out!

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RISEDALE EXPLORERS: A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME ON THE CATTERICK CAMP MILITARY RAILWAY

By Mark Hill, MBE

Last week, our final two groups of Year 8 pupils from Risedale School embarked on an exciting journey back in time as part of their history field trips with historians from the Catterick Historical Archive. The Risedale Explorers walked along a significant portion of where the old Catterick Camp Military Railway track once ran, which was a bustling line in its heyday. This hands-on experience offered the pupils a unique opportunity to connect with their local history and understand the profound changes that have shaped their community over the past century.



The adventure began with a talk about the history of what we now call Catterick Garrison, setting the stage for an engaging and educational walk back towards the Camp Centre Roundabout. Along the way, pupils had the privilege of interacting with Veterans from the Catterick Historical Archive group. These Veterans shared their wealth of knowledge, painting vivid pictures of how the area

has evolved over more than 100 years. Their stories and insights provided invaluable context to the historical significance of the Catterick Camp Military Railway.

On Thursday, the first group of pupils enjoyed their packed lunches at Sandes Soldiers Home, a place rich with history and memories of soldiers

past. The following day, the second group dined at The Centenary Hub in Plave Lines, another venue steeped in military history showcasing photos and pictures from over the decades. These lunch stops were not just breaks in the journey but also opportunities for the pupils to immerse themselves further in the historical ambience of the locations.



After lunch, both groups travelled to the Locomotion Railway Museum in Shildon. Here, the pupils attended a short presentation by the museum's Senior Explainer, who provided a comprehensive overview of the Catterick Camp Military Railway. This presentation was instrumental in linking the local history they had been exploring with the broader narrative of railway development and military logistics.

The pupils also had the chance to explore the museum, delve into its exhibits, and visit the shop and cafe. This part of the trip allowed them to explore the incredible and legendary locomotives throughout railway history and gain a deeper appreciation for the technological advancements in this field. Part of our guided tour included the New Hall, which tells the story of the North East's role in early railway development with six themed roads of railway vehicles.

Overall, these field trips were a resounding success. They not only enriched the pupils' understanding of their local history but also allowed them to engage with historical sources and veterans firsthand. Last week's exploration has undoubtedly sparked a deeper interest in history among the Year 8 pupils and provided them with memories that will last a lifetime.

Catterick Historical Archive continues to inspire and educate, bringing learning out of the classroom and into the lives of young people. We look forward to many more such enriching experiences in the future.



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