



**Dear Parent / Carer**

Thank you for all the fantastic comments from pupils, parents and others about our new Monday evening hobby club - **Nunnykirk Explorers** - and to Mr Chipchase and all other staff involved for making this new venture happen. Its open to all pupils. Please contact Mr Chipchase for more details: [andrewchipchasenunnykirk@gmail.com](mailto:andrewchipchasenunnykirk@gmail.com)

- Pupil of the Week is **Joel Casey**, while **Zoe Underwood** gained Certificate of Merit. **Max Atkinson** was Boarder of the Week. Well done!
- The [Duke of Edinburgh](#) groups attended their first golf session, including the driving range. **Branden Blom** took the 'longest drive' award, and **Arne Smith-Andressen** won 'Mr chip's chipping challenge' (see photos).
- Some more suggestions have been coming in from our young people for subjects we might offer from September. These include Animal Care, Sports Studies , Environmental Science and even Politics. I think we'd need to be here Saturdays and Sundays if we were to offer everything that's been suggested, but we'll do our best, promise.
- We took delivery of our first set of new bikes this week which have been funded by The Big Lottery. On hand to thank Ian Bell of [The Bike Place](#) for his support we have here **Phillip, Luke, Lewis and Branden** (top photo) and **Arne, Harry, Sam and Tom**. All pupils will be able to use them from next week. Can you ride tandem?
- Congratulations to Mr Gray who received his certificate for (bit of a mouthful this): the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (England). And as if that wasn't enough, he picked up an additional award for Dedication to Learning. Well done, Mr Gray, and thanks to his mentor, Edwina Eastbury, from The Childcare Company <http://www.thechildcarecompany.com/>
- Over the years a number of our young people have had epilepsy. Whether this applies to your child or not, you might be interested in the following article in SEN Magazine: <https://senmagazine.co.uk/home/articles/senarticles-2/epilepsy-and-families>
- Thanks to former Governor Jamie Patterson on behalf of PTM partnership (<http://www.ptm-llp.co.uk/>) for their kind donation of £1000 towards sports development, and encouraging participation in sport. Thanks also to Parent Governor Gary Jefferson.
- For the next eight weeks our visiting Occupational Therapist will be leading sessions for some of our young people. For more information, please contact [Mrs Blackburn](#).
- Our y9 Rural Studies group has been taking advantage of the beautiful (and surprisingly warm) sunshine to take soil samples, which they have been testing for pH. Here we see **Max Atkinson and Harri Corrigan-Smith**, supported by Mr Smith (actually smiling for a photo). And if you look closely you might just spot **Abbie Buck** in the lovely picture of our school at the top.
- Evening activities open to all pupils next week are Photography (Tues. 7th) and [Battlezone laser](#) (Wed. 8th). As Battlezone is always popular and we have limited places on transport, please ensure you have secured a place by Monday evening. Contact [nkhouseparents@gmail.com](mailto:nkhouseparents@gmail.com)

**And a couple of dates for your diary:**

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, 8th February. 6.30pm. Followed by Board meeting.  
 Year 9 Parents and Carers Consultation: Friday, 10th March. 2.45pm-6.30pm

**And lastly...**

Did you spot some big differences in this week's news?

Firstly, as more and more readers are accessing my Weekly offering online, I'm trying to include a few more hyperlinks to items (the bits in blue). It would be good to know if this is useful.

Secondly, things I'm reporting on are still just as special, but I'm rapidly wearing away the 'exclamation mark' key on my keyboard, so I'm trying really hard to go on an 'exclamation diet'.

Really I am!!!!!!

**Have a super week!**

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