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KIT Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

The days are getting longer and Spring definitely feels like it's just round the corner. It has been a great start to 2023 at Risedale with so many good news stories. We are focusing on the positives - and there are so many. A particular shout out to Dylan and Katie in this edition for their wonderful stories.

We now have our 'Daily Positives' for pupils in each year group with the most Epraise points. The total of Epraise points since Christmas is a whopping 14,500! And the total for the year is over 41,000. This represents a lot of pupils engaged in a lot of positivity. Skip the lunch queue passes and other prizes are being snapped up - it is really great to see so much hard work being rewarded.



Pupils can earn Epraise points in lots of different ways, recognising hard work, kindness and achievements both inside and outside of school. The House System creates a sense of community and promotes healthy competition among pupils and staff. It supports our pupils to develop as confident, resilient, compassionate and successful individuals as outlined in our **5 key 'Pillars of Success'**.



The five pillars: The main mantra of our curriculum is to be inclusive, to challenge and engage all pupils positively in their learning through a broader understanding of the world around them. Throughout this, we emphasise kindness and empathy through a family ethos. To achieve this, we have 5 clear pillars which underpins our whole school curriculum vision.

This half term our focus turns firmly to our Year 11 pupils and the support for them in the run-up to their exams. Look out for communications regarding this in the coming weeks.

Kindest regards,

Mrs S Matthewman - Deputy Headteacher

Katie's article featured in Army & You magazine

Please read and enjoy Katie Galloway's heartfelt article which featured in the Winter edition of Army & You Magazine. The Risedale Family really is a special place. Katie said, **"It's where I belong...."** and we're sure this will strike a chord with many of Katie's fellow pupils and their families.

You can view the article in Army & You magazine [HERE](#) or read the transcript below.



A place where I'm made to feel I belong by Katie Galloway

I'm in year 10 and I'm a service child at Risedale School in Catterick Garrison.

I've been here since September 2021 and at the beginning, it was difficult. A lot of new people, who I am now great friends with, asked me where I was from. Having moved all around the UK, been to five different schools and having lived in six houses, it isn't an easy question to answer.

I've been to so many different places at so many different times that I don't believe I am really from anywhere. However, Risedale has made me feel as if I belong.

Our Headteacher, Mr Scott, is from a military background and also served so he understands how difficult it is for anyone to move around a lot, lose and gain friends, and sometimes feel as if we are different.

At Risedale, there are many other pupils and adults just like me, who are from army families. As there are such a huge number of us, we all feel like a community in the school working together to support each other during harder times.

In the past year living at Catterick, my dad has been away a lot. Near the end of 2021, he was in Belize for three months and he is currently in Eastern Europe until Easter. During these times when my dad isn't home, I know that there are staff in Risedale that I can

trust and speak to if I feel I am struggling and need some support, along with my amazing circle of friends who are also service children, meaning that we all know what these experiences are like and how to support each other through it.

My first day at Risedale was overwhelming and scary but it's the best place I could be. It's where I belong.



PHOTO: Katie receiving the KS3 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award at Presentation Evening from Mr Scott.

U13 and U15 Girls' Football News

On 18th January, our U13 Girls' Football Team played an away game against Thirsk School on their Astro Turf pitch. Risedale didn't win but battled hard in freezing conditions. The whole team showed great resilience throughout the match right up until the final whistle.

Then on 26th January, the team were in action again, this time against The Wensleydale School. Risedale won their first match of the evening 0-1, followed by a 0-0 draw making them the winners! A big shout out to Ellie-Mae Reid (7 Lawson) who scored the goal for the win and played brilliantly in both matches!

On the same evening, the U15 team were also playing but sadly lost both of their games. The team should be proud as they played really well and narrowly missed out on scoring after having possession of the ball for the majority of the second game.

Football training takes place every Wednesday, 3-4pm, in preparation for the upcoming Area Tournament in March.

Well done girls!!

Miss Brierley - Head of PE

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VR Headsets English

This half term, Year 7s have used the Virtual Reality Headsets to travel across time and space to learn more about Shakespeare's life and the influences on his audiences.

Pupils were able to use the headsets to be able to walk in and around the Globe Theatre. They then went along a simulation of London Bridge during the Fire of London and finally ended up in Greece to look at the ruins of the Theatre of Dionysus.

"Everyone was absolutely brilliant during their time exploring and appreciating these historical influences, demonstrating a great level of respect and curiosity for the past and other people's lives. Keep up the hard work Year 7!"

Miss Roberts (Acting Head of the Communications Faculty)



"I liked when we got to walk around in the buildings and have a look to see what they were like and still are like."

April Cox (7 Douglas)

"I liked exploring and walking around the Globe Theatre. It helped me think about what it was like back then."

Lucy- Mai Lawrie (7 Douglas)



"I liked being able to look around the Globe Theatre. It helped me see how Shakespeare likes to see the world around him."

Ella Williams (7 Gunnell)


House System News








Over the past few weeks, our pupils have demonstrated their commitment to excellence by participating in various House competitions. We are delighted to report that the level of enthusiasm and engagement from our pupils has been outstanding. Their fantastic effort and dedication have been truly impressive, and we are proud to see them displaying their skills, talents, and sportsmanship.

Furthermore, we would like to highlight the remarkable empathy and generosity shown by our pupils in donating their reward points to their House Charities. A total of 1,530 reward points have been donated so far. This act of kindness and compassion is a reflection of our pupils' values and character, and we commend them for their selflessness and commitment to making a positive impact on our community.

THE RESULTS: Risedale Road to Paris House Competition!




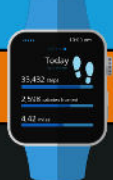
PARIS 2024


RISEDALE ROAD TO PARIS

HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS

House	Miles
1st Turing 	627.6
2nd Pankhurst	482
3rd Attenborough	351
4th Seacole	240
Risedale Total	1,700.6



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 **Well done to Turing House **
who made it to Paris first and are therefore the champions!

1st Turing 627.6 miles ❤️ 2nd Pankhurst 482 miles 💜
3rd Attenborough 351 miles 💙 4th Seacole 240 miles 🧡

It's been great seeing pupils and staff getting those miles in and proudly representing their Houses. Thank you to everyone who entered; a whopping 1700 miles were recorded. Together, we actually walked enough miles to reach Istanbul!

In total, we had 163 individual entries and Pankhurst House had the most pupil entries so very well done to them!



PHOTO: Some of our KS3 pupils got in some extra miles whilst using the fitness suite in their PE lesson with Miss Brierley.

A parent on Facebook commented, *"That's awesome 🙌 This was a brilliant idea."*

Well done everyone. Together The Risedale Family really can achieve amazing things!!!!
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U16 Netball News

On Tuesday 7th February, our U16 Netball Team played at Bedale High School. The Risedale team is made up of pupils studying GCSE PE and BTEC in Sport.

It appeared that the Risedale team were slow getting into the match as Bedale went ahead in the first quarter (8-2). Risedale then found their stride in the second quarter and drew (1-1). Risedale then lost the third quarter by only 1 goal (3-2) and then won the last quarter by 2 goals (3-5). Overall it was a win for Bedale (16-9) but Risedale played brilliantly and should be very proud.

An absolutely superb effort girls - well done!

Miss Brierley and Mr Hindhaugh

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Photo Left to right: Emma Hollinshead, Lucy Patey and Alysha Hughes-Francis.

Other members of the team included: Paige Bamber, Ava Gleave-Jackson, Leona Sahai, Dee Silivale and Léa Westen.



Year 7/8 Rugby Festival 🏉

On Wednesday 8th February, our Year 7 and 8 Boys Rugby Teams took part in the first round of a 9-a-side tournament organised by Newcastle Thunder.



Mr Hindhaugh said: ***“Fantastic effort from our Year 7 Boys Rugby Team. It was great to see them playing their first ever Rugby League game. They displayed great resilience and determination. Keep it up!”***

Mr Lawson said of the Year 8 team: ***“The team won with an impressive 11-2 victory over Sedgefield. The boys were outstanding throughout the game and a credit to themselves and the school.”***



On Facebook, [Thunder Community](#) said: ***“Risedale School and Sedgefield Community College Year 7 & 8 boys enjoyed Round 1 of the Southern Thunder Cup/InspiredBy 9’s, hosted by Risedale.***

“It was great to see two new schools making their debut in this school’s competition! Some brilliant Rugby League on display and we are looking to Round 2! “

Dylan Johnson raises £385 for Alopecia Charity

Risedale School pupil Dylan Johnson has successfully raised £385 for [Alopecia UK](#). This charity is very close to Dylan's heart as he himself developed Alopecia in the summer of 2022.

The word 'Alopecia' means hair loss. There are many types of alopecia, ranging from thinning hair to complete hair loss. It can affect just the scalp or the entire body, and it can be temporary or permanent.

Dylan has 'Alopecia Areata', an autoimmune condition in which the immune system, which is designed to protect the body from foreign invaders such as viruses and bacteria, mistakenly attacks the hair follicles, the structures from which the hairs grow.



Dylan said: ***"I wanted to raise awareness about Alopecia and turn my negative into a positive."***

In total, Dylan raised £385 for Alopecia UK by taking part in sponsored sporting activities such as bike riding, playing football, football golf and walking. His fundraising was also supported by his Mum Nikki who completed a 10km walk/run every day for a whole month.

Mum Nikki said: ***"Dylan makes me so proud. No 11-year-old child should have to deal with this condition. It was really upsetting to see how distressed Dylan was when his hair started falling out last summer. As his hair loss got worse, Dylan eventually decided to take the plunge and shave off the remaining small patch of hair he had left. He is so brave."***

"Dylan really inspires me. He gets up every day with a smile on his face, doesn't moan and just makes the most of each day! I couldn't be prouder!"

Dylan's Form Tutor, Ms Blatch, said: ***"Dylan is an incredibly popular member of our tutor group and has a close group of friends who he chats with every morning. And yet, he was very reticent in sharing his amazing fundraising achievements as he is certainly not boastful. When I received the email from his Mum I was so surprised at how much he had raised and so proud of him. He is truly a wonderful person to have in our tutor group and a fantastic role model for all pupils at Risedale."***

On Instagram, Alopecia UK said: ***"Well done Dylan! And a huge thank you to everyone who supported Dylan with his fundraising efforts. We are very grateful! ❤️"***

If you would like to find out more about Alopecia UK and support the charity please visit [Alopecia UK](#).

Textiles Club

Textiles Club takes place every Thursday after school in Room 34.

So far this year, the group has learnt a variety of skills including hand embroidery, how to use a sewing machine, batik and tie-dye. They have also experimented with silk painting and made tote bags.

Pupils are currently making an apron that they can take home or use in their Food Technology lessons.

If you are inspired and would like to join the club then please come along - everyone welcome!

Mrs K-A Vizer and Miss Sellers

>> For the full list of all the activities and clubs we have on offer at Risedale School please visit our website [Activities](#) page.



Year 9 Conceptual Artwork

Year 9 art pupils have been learning about Conceptual art this term. Conceptual art is art for which the idea (or concept) behind the work is more important than the finished art object.

Pupils examined messages behind the work of artist Barbara Kruger and have created mini collages in response to this, using extracts from their own texts and communications. They really enjoyed seeing how the same phrases and images can be manipulated by artists and interpreted differently by audiences.

Miss Westwood - Head of Art





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