



# RISEDALE

A family of learners

## Keep In Touch

KIT Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to 2023 which I am certain is full of tremendous opportunity and potential for everyone at Risedale. The energy, enthusiasm, dedication and warmth that all of our pupils bring to Risedale make it an exceptional place to work and learn. All visitors to the school always comment positively on the compassion, politeness and kindness of all members of the Risedale Family. We must maintain this and work together to allow all pupils to feel safe enough to be and do their very best each and every day.

It is important we reflect on the many successes of last year. Our exam results continue to increase year on year, with the vast majority of pupils successfully moving on to their chosen course of study at college, sixth form, apprenticeship or work. It is always so exciting to hear from ex-pupils and we would encourage as many of you as possible to keep in touch once you have moved on. The presentation evening, celebrating our pupils' successes, was an amazing evening and, hopefully, we will see more of you present at this event in October 2023.



At Risedale we value effort and determination. There were over 27,000 positive points given out from September to December of 2022 alone and it is important we recognise these achievements. Our pupils also demonstrate an incredible amount of empathy and have also raised thousands of pounds for local charities which is extraordinary.

We are extremely proud of all of our pupils and staff here at Risedale, and we feel privileged with the trust you place in us in helping nurture and guide your child onto the next steps of their education.

As George Bernard Shaw stated ***“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”***

Here at Risedale, we believe we provide pupils with the environment and support which will allow them to do just this.

Thank you and please keep in touch so that we can ensure every pupil receives the best care and support they all deserve.

Kindest regards,

**Mr. J Yates - Deputy Headteacher**





# REMEMBRANCE AT RISEDAL

## Ripon Cathedral

On Friday 4th November, service pupils from Risedale School were invited to attend a Service of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral.

During the service, a film was played where pupils from Risedale spoke about what Remembrance means to them as military children, their experiences of military life and why it is so important that we remember.

**You can watch the Risedale Remembrance Video video here**  
[-> https://youtu.be/AcJaXp7dzY8](https://youtu.be/AcJaXp7dzY8)

The film was made by Chris Kaye of BFBS Catterick working in collaboration with Risedale School pupils and staff, NYCC Youth Voice Creative Engagement Officer Cheryl Pocknell and Service Children's Champion Jess Greenhalgh.



## Remembrance Assembly



On Friday 11th November, Risedale pupils and staff gathered for a whole school assembly to mark Armistice Day.

Mr Scott spoke about how we honour the memory of the fallen by wearing a poppy and taking time to reflect on and remember their sacrifice.

The assembly ended with a one-minute silence made even more poignant by Drum Major Nigel Jane of the British Army Band Catterick

playing the bugle and performing 'The Last Post'.

**You can watch the video of the assembly here** [-> https://youtu.be/AH51UNG1WDI](https://youtu.be/AH51UNG1WDI)



## STEM Careers Fair Success at Risedale School

On Thursday 10th November, pupils from Risedale attended a STEM Careers Fair held in the school hall featuring stalls representing a wide variety of employers and further education providers.

STEM is a broad term used to bring together the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



Exhibitors from further education establishments and the world of work highlighted the possibilities of what could be on offer to the pupils when they leave Risedale post-16 and beyond.

Exhibitors at the event included: [Army Youth Outreach](#), [Askham Bryan College](#), [The ASK Programme](#), [C U Phosco Lighting](#), [Darlington College](#), [Purple Creative Studio](#), [Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College](#), and [WSP Engineering](#).



**PHOTO L-R: Purple Creative Studio; Amanda Winstanley and Allan Guy. Year 8 Risedale pupils; Aidan Mackintosh, Ria Glenn, Emily-Faye Fort and Kai Martin.**

Every hour, a different year group of pupils (7-11) had the opportunity to move around the stalls and speak to the visitors, tasked with completing a booklet that encouraged meaningful conversations.

Ria Glenn (8 Vizer) said: ***“It’s been fun learning about everything on offer and thinking about what we could do in the future. Everyone I spoke to was really friendly and gave me loads of great advice. It’s been a brilliant day!”***



Allan Guy, Technical Director of Purple Creative Studio, a digital agency based in Aske, Richmond, said ***“We could see that some of the pupils were a little nervous to talk with us initially, but once they relaxed, they asked us about all sorts of things such as coding and website building as well as digital marketing. We’ve literally spoken to hundreds of students here today and I can honestly say every single one of them has been polite and engaged; they’ve been a credit to the school.”***

Mark Kirkbride, Senior Teacher responsible for STEM at Risedale said ***“Having such a broad array of colleges and employers helping to promote STEM has been an amazing experience for our pupils. So many of our young people did not realise just how important these disciplines are and the opportunities available to them once they leave the Risedale Family. From speaking to the exhibitors I think they all enjoyed the day as much as our pupils did.”***

Aidan Mackintosh (8 Knight) said: ***“There were lots of stalls and opportunities to talk to people. I like the idea of a career in engineering. It’s been great talking to everyone here today.”***

Mrs Porritt, Careers Leader said: ***“ I would like to thank all the exhibitors for giving up their time to help support our pupils here at Risedale. Everyone had a great day finding out lots of information to help support their decision-making process when considering future career pathways and further education. It has been an amazing day, with lots of really engaging conversations .”***



**PHOTO LEFT: Mr Kirkbride, Senior Teacher and Mrs Porritt, Careers Leader.  
PHOTO RIGHT: Exhibitors from The Ask Programme.**



On Twitter, [@NYBEP](#) thanked [@RisedaleFamily](#) for inviting them to host an apprenticeship support and knowledge stand for the #STEMFair! So many fantastic questions were asked about apprenticeships and the opportunities they can create!

[@FireItUp\\_Apps](#) [@Apprenticeships](#) [@NorthASK](#)



## Girls' Football

A huge well done to the U13 Girls Football Team who played against Northallerton in the Area Cup on Thursday 10th November 2022. The Risedale team went ahead by 3 goals to 2 at one point, but after fighting hard right up until the final whistle, the team sadly lost 5-3 in the end. A special mention must go to Niamh Baillie in Y7, who played solidly in centre defence and was cool and calm every time she had possession of the ball. All the girls were amazing! Thank you to Mr J Metcalfe for refereeing and Mr Allen for supporting from the sideline.



## Cross Country

Congratulations to all the pupils that took part in the Area Cross Country Trials on Thursday 8th December.

The following pupils will now go on to represent Humber & Richmondshire: Nathan Naylor, Riley Harrison, Rio Regan and Liam Smith.

[#TeamRisedale](#)    

## Rock Climbing

Well done to our GCSE PE pupils who had an amazing time rock climbing at ROF 59 on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th December. Brilliant work everyone, Mr Hindhaugh.





## Children in Need 2022

On Friday 18th November, pupils and staff at Risedale donated £1 not to wear uniform for the day and in total we raised £530.30 for BBC Children in Need.



## House System Charitable Giving

We asked each of our Houses to nominate a charity to support for the 2022-2023 academic year and here are the results:



1 point = 1 penny. The House with the most points donated at the end of the term will receive 100 Epraise points.

On Twitter, [The Fire Fighters Charity](#) said: ***"Fantastic way to fundraise for Charity! Thank you to the students of the Seacole House for choosing us 🧡👏"***

On Instagram, [Help for Heroes](#) said: ***"Go Turing!! 🙌😊 Great idea guys, thanks for the support"***

On Twitter, [Help for Heroes](#) said: ***"We love this idea!! Thanks Turing House you guys are legends 😊"***

On Facebook, a parent/carer said: ***"Fabulous idea. My son came home yesterday and said he'd donated. I work for Cancer Research UK and his Dad is ex-Army. xx"***

For more information about the Risedale House system and Epraise rewards please visit our dedicated website page > > [House System](#)





# House Dodgeball

## THE RESULTS

ATTENBOROUGH	PANKHURST	SEACOLE	TURING

**Year 7/8 Results:**  
 1st - Seacole  
 2nd - Pankhurst  
 3rd - Attenborough  
 4th - Turing

**Year 9/10/11 Results:**  
 1st - Attenborough & Pankhurst  
 2nd - Turing  
 (Seacole - No result)





## Grace Baker Stars in Pantomime Dining Experience

On the 3rd and 4th of December, Grace Baker (Year 10) starred in the immersive dining experience pantomime 'Dining with Delia' at The Station in Richmond.

Grace said: ***"The show was set in a restaurant in the style of a Cinderella story pantomime and I played a character called Delilah. It was lovely doing the show, especially since it was my first pantomime and leading role. I've loved every minute of it!"***

Head of Drama at Risedale, Mrs Southworth-Gedye, said: ***"Grace is a fantastic performer. Her enthusiasm and dedication to Drama both inside and outside of school are to her credit. I look forward to seeing more from Grace and hope we can give her a platform in school to share her passion with her peers."***



## Police Cadets News 🚔

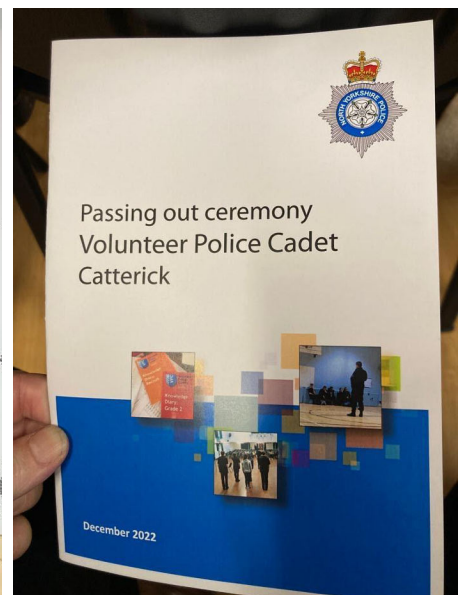
Congratulations to Lucy Thornton (10 Brierley), Spencer Hibbins (11 Foreman) and Elhan Rasuli (10 Southworth-Gedye) who took their Police Cadet oath on Thursday 15th December at the Catterick Cadets passing out ceremony.

The event was attended by the families of the cadets, serving officers from Richmondshire Police Force and the Garrison

Commander, Lt. Col. Jim Turner, who is also a Governor here at Risedale.

The newly appointed cadets will now go on to assist with local community events and gain further hands-on experience to find out what a career in the police force could really be like.

Well done Lucy, Spencer and Elhan - a fantastic achievement indeed!



## Risedale teacher's ceramics feature in Grayson's Art Club: The Exhibition



**Ceramic artworks created by Risedale School's Head of Art, Ms Westwood, are now on display as part of a major national exhibition curated by contemporary artist, writer and broadcaster Grayson Perry.**

[Grayson's Art Club: The Exhibition](#) runs from Fri 2 Dec 2022 – Sun 23 Apr 2023 at MAC (Midlands Art Centre) featuring selected works by artists, members of the general public, comedians and popular figures from the third series of Grayson Perry's [Art Club](#).

Ms Westwood produced an impressive collection of 100 ceramic bonbon dishes that were selected for the Art Club television programme which aired in April 2022 on Channel 4. Ms Westwood was interviewed by Grayson online from her classroom at Risedale School where she explained what inspired her to create the bonbon dishes and some of the stories behind them > > [Ms Westwood on Grayson's Art Club](#)



Each bonbon dish is individually hand-made and decorated with text and images depicting a different memory or reflection on life in the moment of making exploring the theme 'Inside My Head'.

Ms Westwood said, ***"It was incredibly exciting to be part of a Channel 4 event with familiar TV faces as fellow guests – but when the gallery opened, it was seeing my own work feature so prominently in this high-profile exhibition, that led me to feel overcome with emotion and recognised as an artist! All of the exhibited work looked superb. It was such a joy to finally meet the other artists in person after only seeing them on TV and share this surreal experience. I have admired Grayson Perry for most of my professional life so it was a real privilege to be able to speak with him in person and get him to pose for the obligatory selfie of course!"***



**PHOTO: Ms Westwood and Grayson, as alter-ego Claire, together at the exhibition private view.**

Risedale's Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Matthewman said, ***"We are incredibly proud of Ms Westwood! We first saw her brilliant work in the spring on Grayson's Art Club. It is really important for our pupils to see what doors can be opened by trying something new and knowing that their teachers are creative and inspirational people, not only in the classroom but in the wider world too."***

You can find out more about Ms Westwood's work by following her on Instagram [@jam.westwood](#) or by visiting [www.jamwestwood.com](http://www.jamwestwood.com)



## Thomas Gibbons raises £4,000 to attend World Scout Jamboree, South Korea



Year 10 pupil Thomas Gibbons has successfully reached his target and raised the £4,000 required to make the trip of a lifetime to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year.

After 8 months of fundraising, Thomas reached his target on Tuesday 6th December when he was presented with a cheque from Jos Huddleston, President of the Rotary Club of Richmond, North Yorkshire (photo).

Commenting on Thomas' achievement, Jos said: ***“Thomas has shown such commitment to raise funds and prepare for this life-changing experience, and Richmond Rotary Club is delighted to support him.”***

Thomas is a member of Castle Explorers Scout Troop. He was the only Scout selected from the Richmondshire area and is now part of Unit 41, North Yorkshire's contingent for the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea 2023.



Thomas said: ***“I really appreciate all the donations given to me to get out to South Korea. The anticipation of getting to Seoul and Saeangeum to experience a different continent, culture and cuisine is now real. I know this trip will be life-changing.”***

Thomas' Mum, Sue, said: ***“Thomas has been able to reach his target through the very generous donations from Richmond Rotary, Richmond Meet, The Richmond Duck Club, Colburn Town Council, The Rotary Club of Northallerton (President Mike Holmes, Risedale School Governor), Richmondshire District Scouts and so many wonderful people who gave us cash or donated via his Just Giving page. A massive thank you to each and every person who has supported Thomas!”***

The £4,000 that Thomas has raised will not only pay for his own adventure to South Korea but will also contribute towards funding children from poorer countries so they attend the Jamboree as well.

Thomas will be one of 3,240 young people from the UK to join nearly 50,000 people from all over the world at the event.

Risedale School Headteacher, Colin Scott, said: ***“Everyone at Risedale is really proud of Thomas. Raising £4,000 is an extraordinary achievement. We can't wait to hear how he gets on at the Jamboree next year!”***



## 12 Days of Christmas Advent Competition 🎅🌲🎁

Congratulations to Sophia Chapman (7 Allen) and Kaiden Collins (8 Knight) who earned themselves multiple epraise points and received a book as a prize for completing all 12 Days of Christmas Advent tasks set on the library shelf.

Each day a new Christmas-themed task was set to encourage reading and creativity. Tasks varied from the practical (thank you for the tasty gingerbread that some of the pupils brought in!) to quizzing and designing. Well done to all who took part and a big well done to Sophia and Kaiden who completed all 12 tasks.



Miss Sellers - Librarian

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December, pupils and staff at Risedale donated £1 to wear non-uniform for the day and in total we raised £259.60 for Save the Children.

A festive graphic for Christmas Jumper Day. The background is red with white polka dots. On the left, a white circle contains the text 'We raised £259.60' in red and blue. Below this is the Save the Children logo and the text 'Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY'. To the right of the text is a blue sweater with a green Christmas tree. On the right side of the graphic is a large dark blue circle containing a white stylized flower or star shape with colorful leaves in blue, red, orange, and purple.



## Elf Olympics

At the end of a long term it was amazing to see staff and pupils enjoying themselves at the Elf Olympics; we think it could quickly become a festive Risedale tradition! A MASSIVE thank you to Ms Blatch, Mrs Hailwood, Mrs Johnson and Mr Allen for making this possible and a big thank you also to all staff who came to support.





## Food/Care Parcels for the Community



A huge thank you to the whole Risedale Family for your amazing efforts in collecting items for the House Food/Care Parcel Competition this year. In total 506 items were donated - Risedale you are AMAZING! 🥳

Our donations were collected by Simon Eastwood from [Colburn Community Support](#) and [Colburn Hub & Community Cafe & Foodshare Zero Waste](#) and we know this will make such a positive impact on those in need in our local community.

- 🤍 1st Pankhurst with 180 donated items = 100 points
- 🧡 2nd Seacole with 140 donated items = 75 points
- 💙 3rd Attenborough with 102 donated items = 50 points
- ❤️ 4th Turing with 84 donations = 25 points

## Christmas Lunch

Wow, WOW, WOW!!! What an amazing Christmas Lunch we had on the last day of term. Thank you to our brilliant canteen staff for the delicious Christmas feast and for looking after the Risedale Family all year round - we love you ladies!

A big thank you to Ms Benson, Mrs Wright and our Senior Pupil Ambassadors for setting up the dining hall and making everything so special and to all the staff that came to serve dinner to the pupils.







Happy New Year from everyone at Risedale School



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