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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Thank you all for your continued support during what has been an incredibly busy term for all of our pupils and staff. It is great to see the vast majority of pupils positively engaging with their learning, being polite and respectful, and demonstrating true resilience as we gradually move back to normal after the disruption caused by the COVID pandemic.

For our Year 11 pupils in particular the next few weeks will be particularly challenging, due to the stresses and anxieties that examinations may bring. We wish all our Year 11 pupils the best of luck as they complete their studies here at Risedale. Revision sessions will continue right up to the final examinations, so it is essential that all Year 11s maintain good attendance and focus throughout.



I hope that all of our pupils and staff can get some well-deserved rest during the half-term break, that you and your family enjoy your Jubilee celebrations, and that everyone is able to come back in June fresh and ready for the positive challenges ahead.

Do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any queries. Every pupil matters, and we always value any contact and feedback. We look forward to continuing to work together with you and your child to ensure that their time here at Risedale is the very best it can be.

Have a fantastic holiday,

Mr Yates - Deputy Headteacher





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Future Events / Save the Date

Monday 6th June	Start of Summer Term 2 (pupils and staff return)
Tuesday 21st June	Y10 York St. John University
25th-26th June	DofE Bronze Award Qualifying Expedition
Monday 27th June	Y10 Darlington College Taster Day
Wednesday 29th June	Sports Day (reserve date Friday 1st July)
Thursday 30th June	Y7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 30th June	Y10 QE Sixth Form Taster Day
4th - 8th July	Y10 Work Experience
5th - 7th July	Berlin Trip
Friday 8th July	Charity Day
Wednesday 13th July	Y11 Prom
Monday 25th July	Summer Holiday starts
Thursday 25th August	GCSE Results Day
Monday 5th September	Training Day for staff
Tuesday 6th September	Start of Autumn Term 1 (pupils return)



> > **For more information on important dates for Risedale School please visit our [Calendar and Term Dates](#) website page.**

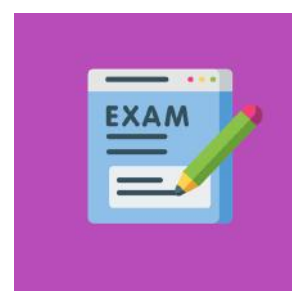
Year 7 and 8 Expectations

We have been really impressed with, and are proud of the behaviour of, the absolute majority of pupils here at Risedale. Visitors always comment positively about the warmth, empathy and kindness which our pupils demonstrate. I would like to thank you all for your support, as we look to help pupils focus positively in their learning. We will be continuing to focus on key learning expectations and rebuilding effective learning habits for Y7 & 8 after the holiday. Risedale is a calm, safe school and by further nurturing an effective learning environment in which ALL pupils can flourish we can ensure that ALL pupils make the progress they deserve. **Link to letter sent 20th May 2022: [Y7/Y8 Expectations](#).**

Thank you again, **Mr Yates - Deputy Headteacher**

GCSE Exam Information

The GCSEs are well underway now and hopefully all pupils have settled into a useful pattern of revision and are also making use of the free breakfast to set them up for the day. Please encourage your child to get enough sleep and to bring all the equipment they need for their exams and a clear bottle of water. We hope that all our pupils remain fit and healthy during the exam period but if you or they have any concerns, please get in touch with us.





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Teachers are offering warm-up/revision sessions before exams, either during registration or later in the morning and pupils must attend these.

All pupils will receive a new copy of their timetable this week with seating information for the rest of the exam period. **All pupils must remain available for attending exams up to and including Wednesday 29th June which is the national contingency day.**

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25th August and we look forward to seeing all pupils in person to receive their results. If you are aware that pupils will not be able to attend and you will have moved before that date or when certificates arrive in November, please do let us know.

> > For further information regarding the GCSE Exams, including advice and guidance for pupils for this year, and to view the [Examinations Timetable 2022](#) please visit our [Exam Information](#) website page. If you have any questions please contact our Examinations Officer Mrs Tonkin tonkin.j@risedale.org.uk.

Year 9/10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award



30 pupils in Years 9 and 10 have been working hard towards their DofE Bronze award over the last few months. To qualify for the award they must complete 4 sections over a minimum period of 6 months: volunteering, physical, skill and expedition. Pupils are currently planning the route their expedition will take in the Yorkshire Dales, and learning important navigation and camp-craft skills during after school sessions on Wednesdays. Their qualifying expedition will take place 25th-26th June. DofE awards provide a fabulous opportunity for all young people between the ages of 14-25 to give back to their community, the environment or charity, develop self-confidence and resilience, show commitment and learn new skills. Mrs Hailwood would like to wish all pupils taking part the very best of luck and send out a massive thank-you to all the Risedale staff who will be giving up their weekend.

If any parent/carer, with a child signed up for the DofE programme this year, has not yet completed the consent form via Evolve, please could you do so ASAP. If you should require any help with this, please contact the school and ask to speak to Mrs Meades or Miss Armstrong in the office.

> > For more information regarding DofE please email Mrs Hailwood at hailwood.j@risedale.org.uk.



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Sports Day 2022

Risedale School's Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 29th June at Catterick Athletics Stadium, Leyburn Road (next to Catterick Garrison Golf Club). Our reserve date is Friday 1st July.

The event will start at 8.25am and finish at 3pm. Family spectators are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!
#TeamRisedale



For full details about our arrangements for Sports Day please click the link and read the letter from Head of PE Miss Brierley > > <https://bit.ly/RisedaleSportsDay22>

Year 11 Prom



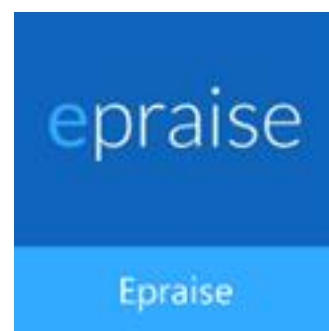
A reminder for parents/carers and pupils that to secure a ticket for this year's prom the remaining balance of £10.00 must be paid by Wednesday 8th June via ParentPay at www.parentpay.com. (Total cost per ticket is £20.00 each). The end of year Prom will be held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at [The Blackwell Grange Hotel](#) in Darlington. The evening will begin at 7:00pm and end at 11:00pm. If you

would like any further information regarding the Prom please contact Ms Benson directly at benson.a@risedale.org.uk.

Parent/Carer Epraise Registration

If you haven't already done so, please register today for your parent/carer account to access Epraise, the online rewards platform. To do this, please follow the directions [HERE](#).

All parents/carers should have received an Epraise invitation sent via email. If you think you haven't received this email, firstly please check your spam folder, and then if you cannot locate it, email enquiries@risedale.org.uk to update your email address on our school system. Once this has been done we will then send you a new Epraise invitation. If you have any questions or difficulties regarding Epraise, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Mr Hindhaugh our Epraise and Rewards Manager hindhaugh.a@risedale.org.uk.





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ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!**

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement



95% - 90%
Cause for concern



100% - 96%
Excellent



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**LOST MINUTES
=
LOST LEARNING!**



**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS!**

3

days lost



minutes late
per day

6.5

days lost



minutes late
per day

10

days lost



minutes late
per day

13

days lost



minutes late
per day

19

days lost
EACH
YEAR!



minutes late
per day

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

For more information about attendance and absence at Risedale please visit our dedicated website page > > [Attendance, Absence and Punctuality](#) and if you have any questions or would like any support regarding your child's attendance please contact Senior Teacher, Mrs Cox, at cox.s@risedale.org.uk



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Charity Work and Fundraising

Our non-uniform day on 8th April 2022 raised **£499.20 for Ukraine**. Well done #TeamRisedale!

To find out more about all the brilliant charity and fundraising work we do here at Risedale please visit > > [Charity Work and Fundraising](#)



Science Fair Fun

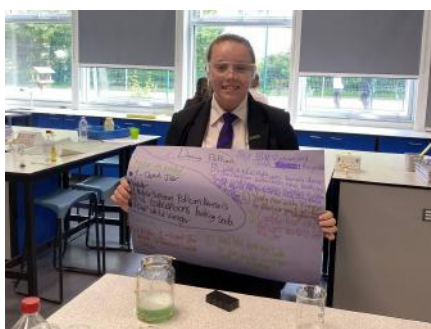
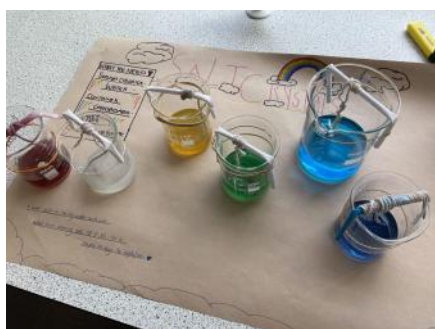
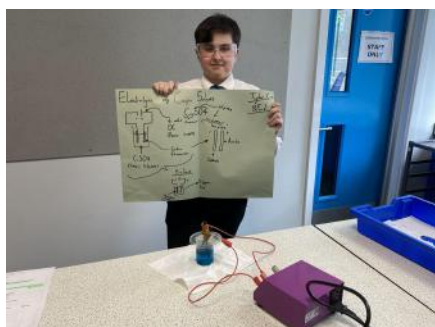
On Wednesday 18th May, Science Club held a Mini Science Fair for the most committed of our KS3 Science Clubbers. Pupils planned their own investigations, requested all the equipment themselves, and had to consider the safety procedures they would need to follow. They then carried out their experiments themselves, producing some fantastic results! The experiments included:

- Tyler Cassidy: Electrolysis
- Grace Hall-Twist and Ethan Buckle: Titration
- Alfie Hollis: Extracting DNA from a banana
- Morgan Lane: Coloured Salt Crystals
- Alice Winham: Dancing Popcorn
- Ryan Davies: Volcano



Well done everyone! **Miss Walker and Mrs Johnson**

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





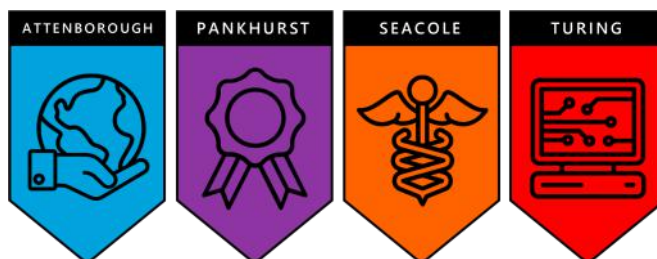
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House System News from Mr Hindhaugh

This week, each House celebrated the achievements of its pupils for this half-term. Individual pupils were rewarded for having a 100% positive behaviour record, 100% attendance and for being one of the top 5 highest Epraise scorers. Tutor groups were rewarded for having the highest tutor group attendance and the highest overall Epraise points total for the half term. All pupils with 100% attendance and 100% positive behaviour received a certificate. 10 randomly selected pupils in these categories were also rewarded with a 'Golden Ticket' giving them special permission to skip the front of the lunch queue; a sports hall takeover session; a positive phone call home and a Risedale pen. Congratulations everyone!



The Cube

Well done to all the pupils that took part in The Cube House Challenge. Each tutor group was asked to select 5 pupils to compete against the other Houses in a series of challenges. Each team had 10 lives and 1 simplify. The challenges included Teamwork; Coordination; Balance; Reaction Time and Speed. It was great to see pupils and staff working as a team and supporting each other to beat The Cube! ! #TeamRisedale

THE RESULTS: 1st Pankhurst💜, 2nd Attenborough💙, 3rd Turing💛 and 4th Seacole💛



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



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Risedale School friends complete charity hike in the Lakes

On Saturday 21st May, two pupils from Risedale School completed a 20km charity hike in the Lake District raising money for Cancer Research UK.

Elliot Wells and Jack Weaver are both in Year 9 at Risedale and Elliot is currently working towards his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. As part of his award, Elliot decided to walk the Ullswater Way and close friend Jack joined him for the challenge.



Prior to the walk, Elliot set up a [JustGiving fundraising page](#)

collecting donations for Cancer Research UK, a charity that is very close to Elliot's heart after losing his Auntie Katie to cancer earlier this year. Elliot's original target was to raise £100 but to date, he has now raised over £550!



Elliot said, ***"Pooley Bridge was my Auntie Katie's favourite place, so it seemed right to make that the starting point for our walk. I chose Cancer Research UK to raise funds in her memory for this well-deserving cause."***

The boys completed the hike in 5 hours climbing crags, scaling Gowbarrow Fell, taking in the sights of Aira Force Waterfall and finally ending their journey in Glenridding at the southern end of Ullswater.

Elliot's Mum Sarah said, ***"It was a pleasure for my hubby and me to accompany the boys on their hike of the Ullswater Way; primarily for Elliot's DofE Bronze award, but it was also lovely to get away and have an adventure together."***

"The boys were funny, kind, polite and above all, hilarious in the most beautiful way. They are wonderful young men who are a credit not only to myself and Jack's parents but also to the school that nurtures them so well, I thank you all!"

DofE Leader and Senior Teacher at Risedale Mrs Hailwood said, ***"It is wonderful to see two Risedale pupils showing such commitment and compassion towards helping others. DofE is all about pushing yourself out of your comfort zone, having adventures, creating memories, building resilience and developing useful skills along the way. Elliot and Jack have certainly embraced this over the weekend. Well done boys!"***

> > To help Elliot with his fundraising you can visit his JustGiving page [HERE](#).



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Eco-Ambassadors help reduce carbon footprint for Jubilee Raceday

Risedale's Eco-Ambassadors have joined forces with Emma Stevenson, the Sales and Marketing Manager at Catterick Racecourse. They brought together all their expertise to help reduce the overall carbon footprint of the racecourse, on and after the Jubilee Raceday weekend. Pupils have been given a real budget to foster their creative minds and come up with resourceful solutions to apply in the real world!

The Eco-Ambassadors have successfully designed and planned several eco-friendly outcomes including introducing reusable Jubilee branded drinking cups; recycling bins; bike racks; places for walkers to meet up to reduce the number of cars, additional signage to help walkers; ticket recycling schemes and much more.

As a result of all their hard work, the pupils and their families have been invited to the Raceday on the Jubilee Weekend.



Brilliant work everyone! **Mr Watkinson - Teacher of English**

> > To read the story in full please visit [Catterick Races Celebrates Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#)

A new book vending machine for the Risedale Library



We are delighted to announce that the Library has a new book vending machine. Pupils can exchange their Epraise house points for book tokens and select a book from the vending machine to keep.



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The Risedale Literacy Team wanted something original and exciting to encourage reading for pleasure in school and to promote our new 'R&R' (Reading and Reflection) programme. The vending machine is already proving to be incredibly popular and has generated a great buzz around school.

Congratulations to Janet Bellew-Philips, Kallie Cook, Natasha Griffiths-Allan and Honey Hibbins who are our first pupils to trade in their Epraise points for books!

There is something for all readers (and non-readers). The vending machine is filled with a range of books from fiction to colouring books.

It's inspiring to see how much our pupils love books and we look forward to seeing them exchange their well-earned Epraise points for a wonderful new book.

Miss J Sellers - Librarian

Thomas Gibbons selected for World Scout Jamboree in South Korea

Richmondshire Scout Thomas is hoping to raise £4,000 to enable him to make a trip of a lifetime to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

Thomas Gibbons (9Southworth-Gedye) is a member of the 1st Catterick Garrison Scout Troop and one of only 36 Scouts in North Yorkshire and the only in Richmondshire to be selected to make the trip in 2023.

He must now raise £4,000 to pay for the adventure, with a contribution also going to pay for children in a poorer country to attend the event.



Thomas said: ***"World Scout Jamborees happen every four years and I am one of the lucky 3,240 that have been chosen from the UK to join nearly 50,000 young people taking part from all over the world at the 25th Jamboree.***

"The World Scout Jamboree offers young people the chance to learn new skills they can use in other aspects of their life as well as campaign for change on key world issues that matter to them."

He added: ***"Between now and July 2023 I will attend training camps and team building events, preparing for living on the hot and humid site in SaeManGeum.***

As you can imagine, all of this will not come free, you have to fundraise all of the money required to participate in this incredible experience. The amount to be raised



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is £4K per person, so a great amount of commitment will have to go into reaching this target. A proportion of the money raised goes towards helping disadvantaged people in poorer, less fortunate situations and countries, to aid them in still being able to afford and attend the World Scout Jamboree.

"So really, I am fundraising for Scouts from developing countries just as much as for myself, for this amazing opportunity to globally connect, interact and pass on what I've learned to others on my return."



>> To help Thomas with his fundraising or to find out more about his trip please click [HERE](#).

>> And to find out more about the 25th World Scout Jamboree click [HERE](#).

Soul of the Earth Art Exhibition

As part of the Swaledale Festival 50th Anniversary celebrations, a display of ceramic tiles created by pupils in Years 7 and 8 at Risedale is currently being exhibited at the Platform Gallery, The Station, Richmond.

Head of Art Ms Westwood said:

"We are delighted to be participating once again in the Swaledale Festival Art Exhibition. The festival's environmental theme for 2022 has allowed us to showcase a fantastic tile composition made by Year 7 last summer (now Year 8), which is a reflection on how important experiencing nature was to our pupils during the lockdowns. Year 7 pupils this year have been working hard, making hundreds of butterflies to represent freedom, now displayed as an installation in the downstairs gallery. Together, these pieces form 'The Soul of the Earth' exhibition."



'Soul of the Earth' is open from 27th May to 8th June 2022 and entry is FREE so why not visit The Station and check out our pupils' artwork over the half-term holiday.



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Rugby Award for Y10 Risedale pupil Lucy Patey 🏉

Huge congratulations to Lucy Patey (10Ahmed) who received the Most Improved Player award at Richmondshire RUFC's end of season presentation night.

Proud Dad, Stuart, said: *"Lucy joined the team midway through the season but has already proven to be a dedicated and versatile player. Lucy scored in her first-ever match and was also willing to change position when asked. She was also given the opportunity to play as the team Vice Captain at a rugby festival."*

He added that *"Even though Lucy is relatively new to the team she is 100% committed to her training and matches."*



Well done Lucy from everyone at Risedale. Keep up the great work!

Y7 girls take part in Street Dance session

Head of PE, Miss Brierley, said: *"A huge thank you to Alison Coleman from Dance Fusion, for visiting Risedale and taking our Year 7 girls through an energetic Street Dance session. They all thoroughly enjoyed the routine and soon picked up the steps even though many were new to dance. Great work everyone!"*



For more information about dance classes in Freestyle, Street, Latin and Ballroom for children of all ages in the Richmond area please contact Alison Coleman on 07779 570631 or Email alicoleman7@hotmail.co.uk. Facebook: [DanceFusionRichmond](https://www.facebook.com/DanceFusionRichmond)



National Championship swimming medal for Thomas Leighton

Congratulations to Thomas Leighton (7Vizor) who recently won a bronze medal at the Swim North East Regional Long Course Championships 2022.

Thomas qualified for 7 events at the championships which took place in the 50m pool at the John Charles Centre for Sport in Leeds over two weekends (23rd-24th April and 7th-8th May).

Thomas qualified for the following events:

- 50m freestyle
- 50m butterfly
- 100m butterfly
- 50m backstroke
- 100m backstroke
- 200m backstroke
- 200m individual medley



He achieved personal best times in 3 events; the 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and the 50m butterfly.

He then went on to make the finals in 3 events (50m butterfly, 50m backstroke and 100m backstroke) and eventually won the Bronze medal in the 50m backstroke.

Coach Keith Hall of Richmond Dales Amateur Swimming Club said: ***“For the 12-year-old swimmer, this is the highest level of competition that can be achieved. Thomas did extremely well in all of his swims. The whole club and I are extremely proud of how he dealt with the entire event and coming away with a bronze medal was the icing on the cake for him.*”**

Thomas listened to his coaches and learned from all of his swims and was able to put this knowledge into practice for the finals. He is maturing into a fantastic athlete and has a really bright future in the sport.

It should be noted that the difference between 3rd place (Bronze) and 2nd place (Silver) was only 1/100th second!!”

Proud Mum, Steph Leighton, said: ***“Thomas blows me away with his swimming talent. I am so proud of how hard he works and how far he has come!! Each and every competition Thomas shows us amazing results and excels.”***

Thomas said: ***“I’m really pleased with my result in the competition and how my swimming is progressing. The harder you work, the easier it gets.”***



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Head of PE Miss Brierley, said: ***“What an amazing achievement for Thomas to swim so many personal bests at the Swim North East Championships 2022. You are a true champion in the making. Keep up the training as it's clearly working. Well done!”***

Risedale's trees are now on the Queen's Green Canopy map! 🌳 ⬇️ 🌳

We are delighted to announce that we have now received our official virtual plaque marking our trees on the QGC [Map - The Queen's Green Canopy](#)

Risedale's tree-planting ceremony took place on Wednesday 6th April in the school's wellbeing garden where Headteacher Colin Scott and Chair of Governors John Glahome were joined by the Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, David Kerfoot MBE CBE DL, Service Children's Advocate, Helen Porritt and Risedale pupils.

Mrs Porritt would like to extend a huge vote of thanks to the following providers and organisations as, without their time and funding, this project couldn't have happened; FUTUREHY, Richmondshire Rotary Club and Veterans Woodcraft. The final phase of the project will continue after half-term when our pupils and volunteer staff will be setting up and building a new nature area.





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