



RISEDALE
Keep In Touch

KIT Letter



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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Welcome to our first Keep in Touch 'KIT' Letter of the 2021/22 academic year!

The start of the 2021/22 academic year has seen pupils, staff and governors welcoming the newly named Risedale School into its **new chapter of learning**. Over the past year Risedale has undergone a huge change in its branding and vision. The school has a vibrant new logo, strapline and exciting [website](#) developed and designed by the fantastic team at Purple Creative in Richmond.



At the start of the 2019/20 academic year, a review of the school's strapline, mission and aims was undertaken by members of the pupil body to make them more relevant to the ethos and values of the community. The outcome of this work was a mission and set of aims that were energised and reflected the family orientated ethos and vision of the school. We are **'The Risedale Family'** and together we are **'A Family of Learners'**.

Risedale's new signage was installed over the summer holiday by Steven Smith and the Eyecatching Signs team and we couldn't be happier. Thank you to everyone who played their part in the rebranding and relaunch of Risedale School - we did it! **#TeamRisedale**

>> If you haven't already done so, please visit our **NEW website** and explore all the information available to you and your family www.risedale.org.uk .
We welcome your feedback making improvements for us all. <<





Extra Bank Holiday



As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee schools have been directed by North Yorkshire County Council to take an extra day away from the classroom this year as the official bank holiday falls in a half term break. Risedale has chosen **Friday 26th November** for this extra day. This is a day when school will not be open for pupils or staff. Please save this date in your calendar.

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

Presentation Evening - A celebration of the 2020-2021 academic year

Presentation Evening returned in all its glory last week. The night was attended by pupils, parents and teachers and was a chance to come together and shine a light on pupils' achievements following a challenging year.

Hosted by Mr James Yates, Deputy Headteacher, alongside Matilda Melody and Kingsley Green, Lead and Deputy Lead Senior Pupil Ambassadors, the night was packed full of awards and live performances including a rendition of 'All of Me' by Faith Bretherick and Izzy Trueman on piano.



These awards aim to celebrate pupils who have shown dedication and enthusiasm for the subject and a drive to succeed.



Emily Barratt was a multi-award winner and was recognised for her excellence in German and Science as well as an Outstanding Academic Achievement award for approaching all her subjects with an incredible amount of effort and determination.

Emily said of her teachers: ***"If you have a task in class and you finish that early they always have an extra something prepared for you to push you and challenge you which is really helpful."***



The night didn't just cover academic achievements though, with the Soroptimist's Cup for citizenship and outstanding leadership being awarded to Olivia Bainbridge for her services going above and beyond during Covid lockdown.

Olivia went to work with her mum every day to their local community centre where she helped make meals and other food supplies for the vulnerable and elderly.

Alongside this, she made masks and helped with the organisation of materials used to make scrubs for our emergency services, playing a vital role in helping the community.

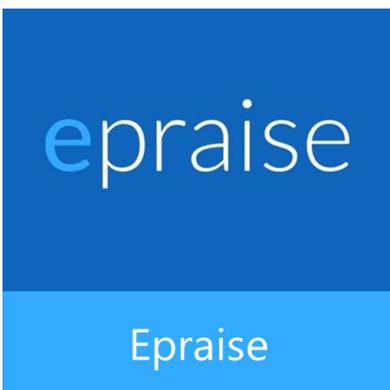
Mr Scott, Risedale's Headteacher has been a big champion of award nights over the years and said: ***"It's been absolutely brilliant, the fact that after the last year and a half of lockdown we are now able to get together and celebrate the achievement of our young people."***

"Yes, you can give them electronic certificates and hold ceremonies online but to be able to share that experience with the families and staff and with the kids to be able to stand up and be proud is fantastic."



>> You can read the full story about Presentation Evening 2021 by visiting the [LATEST NEWS](#) area of our website. Within the article you'll also find a gallery of photographs from the night and the full list of our [AWARD WINNERS](#). <<

Epraise for parents/carers



If you haven't already activated your parent account, please do so now. You may have already received an automated Epraise invitation email (please check your spam folder). If not, there are various ways to register and you can find instructions and helpful videos [HERE](#)

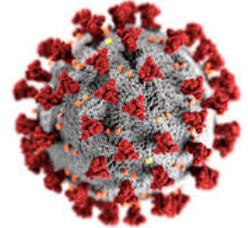
If you have any questions or difficulties regarding Epraise, please follow the login instructions [HERE](#) and then, if necessary, contact the school Admin Team.

Mr Hindhaugh - House System Coordinator



COVID-19 Home Testing Reminder

We know how important it is for you to be able to send your child to school so please keep encouraging them to test twice weekly, 3-4 days apart and report each result to:



- NHS Test and Trace: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Risedale School: [Home Test Result Form - PUPILS](#)
- Report all positive test results to school by : As your child will be absent from school, you must report this in the normal way, contacting the school as soon as possible, making it very clear that this is because of a positive LFD test result.

PLEASE NOTE: Staff and pupils should continue to test twice-weekly over the October half-term break and preferably take an LFD test the night before they return to school. If for any reason you run out of test kits you can order more here >> [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) or collect from your local pharmacy.

Risedale pupils visit local care homes

On Friday 17th September pupils from Risedale visited Rosedale Nursing and Care Home and Hillcrest Dementia Home in Catterick Garrison delivering flowers and table arrangements from the previous night's Open Evening.

Care Assistants from both homes commented on how beautiful the flowers were and how much the residents appreciated the kind gesture.



Senior Teacher Jane Hailwood said : ***"It was our absolute pleasure to take a quick break out of the school day to visit some of our local care homes in the Catterick Community. It was a wonderful opportunity to see just how much this small gesture meant to the residents. We look forward to visiting again very soon."***



Charity Bake Sale 🍰🍪

On Friday 15th October, pupils from Year 10 and 11 at Risedale decided to hold a cake sale for the Year 7s to raise money for BBC Children in Need. It was hugely successful and they raised a total of £81.67. Thank you to Arlen, Emmie, Jayden, Mya, and Zena for all of their hard work and contributions.

Well done everyone, Mrs Extance GTA



Fire Cadets Charity Car Wash 🚒

Over £850 was raised at a charity car wash held on Saturday 9th October at Richmond School. The event was organised by the on and off duty crew from Richmond Fire Station and was supported by several Fire Cadets.

Pupils from various local schools took part in the car wash and Risedale School was proudly represented by: Katie (9Brierley), Grace (9Southworth-Gedye), Riley (10Pearson) and Llinos (11Thomson).

The event was held to raise money for [The Fire Fighters Charity](#) which serves to support the mental and physical needs of all serving and retired members of the UK fire service and their families, and [MS-UK](#), a national charity supporting anyone affected by multiple sclerosis.

Well done to all the Fire Cadets that took part and a big thank you to Jon Hancock of Richmond Fire Station for sharing the story.



**NORTH YORKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Risedale receives bronze award for Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme

Risedale School has received a bronze award as part of Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS). The accreditation recognises the commitment and support from UK employers for defence personnel who serve, or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families.

Risedale has one of the largest proportions of service children (over 40%) of any secondary school in the UK. This military connection is an essential part of the school's distinctive character. We ensure that our links to our military and civilian partners are always reinforced so that Risedale School truly is a central pillar of our community and a constant source of support to our pupils and their families.





New Wellbeing Garden at Risedale

Work began last year on a new wellbeing garden in the grounds of The Hub at Risedale, designed by groundskeeper Mr Griffith and primarily funded by FutureHY, an initiative from York and York St. John Universities. 8Hill pupils jumped at the opportunity to take the lead on this project during tutor time, helping to get the process started by removing three metres of old shrubs and bushes, levelling off the ground in preparation for planters and a seating area, and planting new flowers and shrubs. The seating and planters were very kindly built and commissioned by Veterans' Woodcraft (Richmond), as part of a collaboration between the school and local stakeholders. The aim of the project was to create a calming environment where pupils who require a quiet area to relax or study can go.



Nathanael Hall enjoyed the opportunity to represent his Form and his House in this project. ***"I felt proud that I could represent 8Hill and Seacole House through this activity, and that the work we're doing helped to create a much-needed quiet and safe place for the pupils at Risedale School."***



Form Tutor, Mr Hill, said: ***"It has been a real pleasure to watch our young people take such a keen interest in this project, and it has allowed them to apply the work we have been doing in tutor time surrounding the topic of mental health and personal wellbeing."***



Mrs Porritt, Risedale's Service Children Advocate and Careers Leader was impressed with the attitude of the pupils involved, ***"They really rose to the challenge, and it was incredibly rewarding to watch them engage with the project. The project has really shown that Risedale pupils demonstrate the values of aspiration and empathy in all that they do. With phase one of the project completed, we all look forward to tackling phase two, and are absolutely convinced that once again 8Hill will demonstrate their team spirit, and rise to the challenge!"***





Lawrence House Garden



Since returning to school in September the Lawrence House gardening team have been busy harvesting a healthy crop of potatoes, carrots, red onions and white onions; including a new record carrot of 21.5cm long. The pupils have worked hard watering and weeding the garden during the summer and are now seeing the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labour. The fruit and vegetable garden was made possible by funding from the Richmond Rotary Club and the hard work of Mr Griffith and the team.

Risedale will be launching a new Gardening Club after Christmas so if your child has green fingers or would like to try gardening for the first time please encourage them to get involved.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award



In September, pupils from Risedale successfully completed their Bronze DofE expedition in the Yorkshire Dales, camping overnight in St Joseph's Woods, Aysgarth. They demonstrated great teamwork skills and outstanding leadership, impressing their assessor with their enthusiasm and resilience. A huge congratulations to all pupils involved and a big thank-you to the Risedale staff who gave up their weekend to support them.

Mrs Hailwood - Senior Teacher and DofE Leader



The Great North Run



Everyone at Risedale is so proud of Deputy Headteacher Mr Yates, PE Teacher Mr Hindhaugh and Science Technician Mrs Johnson who all ran the Great North Run on 11th September 2021. Not only did they all complete the half marathon but they also raised a fantastic amount of money for some well deserving charities close to their hearts. Mr Hindhaugh ran for the Alzheimer's Society and Mrs Johnson for the Meningitis Research Foundation. Mr Yates is going one step further for Cancer Research UK and, as well as running the Great North Run, is also taking part in the London Marathon and Yorkshire Marathon all within the space of just five weeks.

Mr Yates said on his fundraising Page: ***“Cancer is happening right now, and sadly my father passed away due to this and many of my loved ones are battling with this, which is why I’m raising money for Cancer Research UK. There’s no time to lose!”***

Year 7 Football

On Thursday 7th October, Risedale’s Year 7 boys football team had their first fixture of the year against Bedale High School. The team put in an amazing performance in the first half to lead 2-1 at half time with goals from Rio Regan and Tyler Elliott. Two quick Bedale goals brought the score to 3-2 but the boys showed incredible resilience and Kalen Jenkin scored levelling the match at a 3-3 draw. A positive start to the season and a bright future ahead if the team continues to play as they did!



Mr Metcalfe - GTA and Cover Supervisor



House Dodgeball

Congratulations to everyone that took part in the House Dodgeball competitions in September and October. 156 pupils represented their Houses with pride and it was great to see the different year groups finally being able to work together and compete for their Houses.

Well done to **Turing House** our overall Dodgeball champions!

Y7/8 Inter-sports Competition

On Thursday 7th October, ten Y7 and 8 pupils from Risedale visited Richmond School for a morning of sport, competing against pupils from other schools in our local area.

The day offered a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to have a go at various sports and activities they may never have tried before such as Boccaie, Kurling and Archery. The pupils approached every event with enthusiasm, resilience and determination and represented Risedale exceptionally well. Risedale's Year 8 team won the competition overall demonstrating amazing teamwork and sportsmanship and the Year 7 team were placed 5th. A huge well done to everyone who took part.



Well done everyone! **Mr Craggs - GTA**





Achieve Programme

Last year, some of our Y8 pupils began the Achieve Programme with former Olympic swimmer James Kirton. The programme is run in partnership with North Yorkshire Sport and aims to support pupils to:

- Increase resilience
- Improve social, mental, physical and emotional wellbeing
- Improve self-confidence and self esteem

Head of PE at Risedale Miss Brierley said:

“We’re delighted to be welcoming James and the Achieve Programme team back to Risedale to continue their fantastic support and motivational work with our pupils. The programme typically lasts between 10-12 weeks so we’re really looking forward to seeing how they get on.”



Chess Club

After two years of online chess, it was fantastic to see pupils cracking open the chess boards again. Risedale Chess Club was relaunched this month as an after-school activity on Thursdays. It was great to see so many new faces from Y7 attending. A special thanks



goes to reigning chess champion, Ben Fulton, who took the time to work with some of the newer players. As numbers become consistent, there are plans to set up a chess league, as well as the traditional knockout competition. Pupils have also been shown how to access online chess in order to continue their training at home. It was a pleasure to spend time with such creative 'chess minds'. Don't forget, the club is open to all and we would welcome new players at any point in the year.

Mr Carter - Head of Maths and Computing Faculty

> > You can find out more about the other clubs and after school activities we have on offer by visiting our [Activities](#) website page. < <



Post-16 and Careers Information

On Tuesday 28th September Y11 pupils from Risedale attended a taster day at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College. Pupils were given the chance to experience an A-Level session in 2 subjects of their choice, prior to making their college applications. All pupils enjoyed their sessions and were full of enthusiasm for the range of topics they could study from Y12 onwards, discussing what they would like to apply for. Pupils have been encouraged to attend all the local college Open Evenings to help support them in making their choices for further study Post 16.

All college applications must be completed online by the Christmas holiday, to kickstart the interview process from January 2022 onwards. Colleges will accept late entries, although there will be limited choice of courses at that stage. Darlington College will hold their interviews at the College itself conducted by their Heads of Department. Richmond Sixth Form and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Colleges will be holding their interviews at Risedale School.

>> For further Careers and Post-16 information please visit our dedicated website page [HERE](#) or contact our Careers Leader Helen Porritt porritt.h@risedale.org.uk who will be only too happy to help. <<



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Careers Education Information Advice Guidance





'A tale of two Communities' 7GenAnalytics team

SPACE2EVOLVE

A project powered by 7genanalytics

In partnership with Risedale School the 7 Gen Analytics team's mission is to empower children from all communities to use their voice today to shape how their places and environments change in the future and for generations to come! We believe that we have an obligation to help future generations and the planet herself.

Today we are working with both Urban and Rural communities to create a sustainable and repeatable methodology for continual community engagement on matters that concern them, such as healthy environments for play.

This month, thanks to the Risedale School leadership team, we will engage with nearly 230 bright young minds.

In conversation with the Head Teacher, Mr Colin Scott, it was obvious we share the belief that schools are the heart of the community and a desire to truly make a 'Family of Learners' that spills into all areas of the community.

Our joint mission is to support pupils in generating high-quality data to support evidence and ideas that will be shared with the school and the community to create a basis for conversation with the relevant government bodies and promote ACTION and measurable IMPACT!

The Workshops

These will involve pupils using design thinking methodology to reflect upon their local area, its infrastructure and amenities and how they feel about living there. It will take on board their fears and concerns and help them to use an interactive tool where they can record positive and challenging attributes of the local area. This workshop is an introduction to becoming a global citizen and about taking ownership and finding their voice for change.

We have competitions which will run in conjunction with the workshops and will have prizes which help to encourage social mobility by 7 Gen Analytics teaming up with universities and businesses.



The live data will be collected at specific points, analysed and returned to school to help to shape curriculum developments and contextualise the catchment area of the school in more detail.

GDPR and Safeguarding

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7 Gen Analytics Ltd will not contact you directly at any time unless authorised by the school. If you wish to subscribe to updates via our newsletter please do so through our website.

Further information on our GDPR and Safeguarding Policies can be found [HERE](#).

The 7 Gen Analytics leadership team consists of:

Brandon Bell is an ex Risedale pupil. Following 20 years of international property development experience, Brandon has over the last few years turned his attention to utilising innovative technologies to solve long standing problems in the field of Urban Planning, Education and policy decision making.

Sally Zaranko, a proven educational leader with over 20 years of experience in school and latterly working for North Yorkshire Local Authority, with a focus on SEND and vulnerable learners.

Iain MacPherson, an Urban Planner with 10 years direct experience of supporting children to use their voice in urban regeneration and development projects. He is also an urban researcher, working on ways to use data to support better social, environmental and health outcomes.

Further information on the workshops and additional resources can be found at www.space2evolve.com.

More Information on the mission of the team can be found here www.7genanalytics.com.



UPCOMING SESSIONS 2021



parentcarer voice
NORTH YORKSHIRE
WORKING TOGETHER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

*Join us for our virtual sessions on Zoom
delivered by NYCC*



October Let's Talk 'Sensory Processing'

Join us for a virtual session, with NYCC to find out about how to access support for your child's sensory needs, strategies to support at home, working with school and more

Wednesday 6th October - Craven 10:00-11:00am
Hambleton/Richmondshire 11:00-12:00pm
Scarborough/Whitby/Ryedale 1:00-2:00pm

Wednesday 13th October - Selby 10:00-11:00am
Harrogate/Knaresborough/Ripon 11:00-12:00pm

November Let's Talk 'Transitions'

Join us for a virtual session, with NYCC to find out more about how to work with school, planning ahead starting school, secondary school, post 16 and post 19 education and more

Tuesday 23rd November - Craven 10:00-11:00am
Hambleton/Richmondshire 4:00-5:00pm

Wednesday 24th November -
Scarborough/Whitby/Ryedale 1:00-2:00pm
Selby 4:00-5:00pm

Thursday 25th November -
Harrogate/Knaresborough/Ripon 10:00-11:00am



**To find out more information and to
book onto a session please visit:
www.parentcarer voiceuk.org/events**