

COLLEGE NEWS

JAN/FEB
EDITION 2022



Winlatter class have had a great term! Students have settled into Walker Terrace really well, and dealt exceptionally well with all of the changes put upon them! Being at Walker Terrace has been a great opportunity for students to connect with their friends from other classes, or to form new friendships with other students closer to their age.

This term **Winlatter** have focused strongly on Independent Living Skills, taking part in activities such as cooking, telling the time, money, going out and buying food for themselves, or making it for themselves in the College kitchen. Towards the end of this term students have also had the opportunity to do some outdoor activities with Simon. We've been out walking and spotting some local wildlife; they entered into this and seemed to enjoy themselves a lot. This is going to be the plan every Monday going forwards.

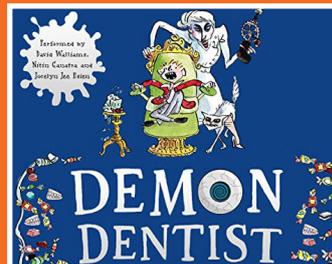


WINLATTER

GRIZEDALE & GISBURN

Grizedale and **Gisburn** have had a great start to 2022. We have looked at adding and subtraction in maths and money management. In English the **Gisburn** have been looking at Harry Potter. They have been learning about informal and formal writing by looking at letter writing. **Grizedale** have been continuing to read Demon dentist. They have been looking at describing friends. In SETPD we have looked at how to prepare for an interview, what to wear, how to behave, etc. We have thoroughly enjoyed looking at Picasso in art. Students have all worked super hard and have been rewarded on a Friday afternoon by getting out and about for their reward time.

Have a great half term everyone!



HAMSTERLEY & REDESDALE

Hamsterley and **Redesdale** have had a great start to the New Year! This half term we have particularly enjoyed cookery as part of our preparation for adulthood lessons. We have made lots of delicious homemade meals such as lasagne, pies from scratch, stir-fry and a Victoria sponge cake. We have also used these lessons to practise functional maths by working out recipe amounts and comparing supermarket prices.

Our main topic this half term has been the Holocaust, as January 27th was Holocaust Memorial Day. We looked at how Hitler came to power and how this led to the Holocaust, and we also learnt about Anne Frank and her experiences written in her diary. This was really interesting but also really sad. We learnt about how important it is to remember this event, so that we can learn from the past and prevent future tragedies.

In Employability we have been looking at preparing ourselves for interviews, including how to dress and present ourselves appropriately. During arts award with Mr Finn, we have been studying types of graffiti and creating our own graffiti 'tags'. In Forest school we have enjoyed going for walks in country parks and learning how to make spinning tops and instruments from wood.

Also as part of our independence training we have been trialling going out to buy our own lunches on Thursday lunchtimes with staff. This has been going really well and we hope to continue this throughout the rest of the year!



KIELDER

Kielder students have settled into their new building and classroom fantastically well, and are thoroughly enjoying their new college environment.

We have continued our weekly days out and have spent some time improving our Forest School skills, making fires, building fences, and working on the college allotment, clearing out weeds, rubbish and laying paths.

We enjoyed a trip out to the Great North Museum and completed some work on local history, specifically Hadrian's Wall.

In our English lessons we have discussed persuasive writing, decision making, and we have incorporated these into social games sessions.

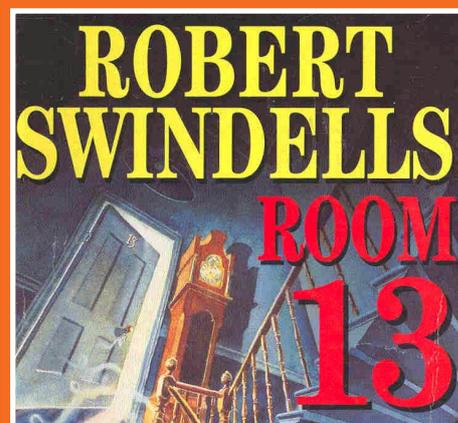
All in all, it has been an enjoyable first half term, and we are looking forward to what comes next!

HARWOOD & SLALEY

Harwood & Slaley have enjoyed reading 'Room 13' this half term. It was about a school trip to Whitby; the students stay in a strange hotel called 'The Crows Nest'. They however are not the only inhabitants, there is also a vampire. Very exciting.

In Maths we have been working very hard on money and time, sometimes it was a bit tricky but we understand the importance of it.

In SETPD we have completed our Sex and Relationships. We focused on 'Consent', The dangers of Sexting and Contraception. We had some very good class discussions and we were surprised by the range of contraception available. We are also currently working on a new Enterprise project and we are making personalised acrylic keyrings. Which we will be selling in the online shop.



After the Christmas break Dalby Class transitioned over from Ivy Lane site to our new building at Walker Terrace. Students have been following a structured timetable in order to get our students ready for their upcoming GCSE's. Students have been learning skills for independence to help them to be equipped for life once they leave College. Some of the students go out for lunch independently and others go out with members of staff. Some students also travel to and from college independently. Students who stay at College for lunch have been independently preparing their own meals and cleaning up their dishes afterwards.

We have spent the past few weeks doing Math's mock exams to get our students ready for their GCSE's. We have also completed some English practice questions and learning poetry. We have been continuing our enterprise work and have been looking at ideas on what to make for Mother's day and Easter. Students have enjoyed social time in the common room with other classes during morning break and lunchtimes. They have also enjoyed attending some after school clubs such as art, film club and games club. Students have settled really well into their new settings. We look forward to next term at Walker Terrace.



DALBY



STUDENT VOICE

During this half term College Council have met and discussed how well students have settled in to Number 11. We have had a fantastic response and students are positive about their future at Number 11. They have also discussed upcoming residential trips and new groups that will be forming after half term. These are; Rights Respecting school, Eco-school and a Well-being group. College Council wish everyone a happy half term and look forward to seeing you all after the break.



Julie Vincent
Head of College

On behalf of all the college staff, we would like to say how well all of our learners have settled in to Walker Terrace since January. Learners have made their own marks on the classroom environments and have developed independence skills by accessing the local community with (or without) staff support. Feedback from recent parent's evening phone calls has been extremely positive and good academic and personal progress is being made by learners across all curriculum areas which is extremely positive to hear.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we all look forward to brighter times ahead.

Julie

CREATIVE ARTS

All students have been enjoying the freedom and independence of using the new Creativity Space at Number 11. Taking part in set Arts Award activities at different levels developing 'arts' skills, this has allowed pupils to open up their creative flair and find out which Creativity Journey they would like to develop. Thinking about what their own creative interests are such as making music/beats, painting and drawing, printing and more. Pupils have started to independently develop their own personal projects linking Pfa Creative Careers in such areas as fashion, photography, film making, music production and others.

We are also linking SETPD Enterprise with creativity and beginning to develop ideas to Create & Make to sell linked with **be inspired to...** I look forward to seeing how all students progress on their creative pathways.



STUDENTS RETURN TO COLLEGE

MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2022