

# Newsletter

## June 2013



Whitecross Hereford  
A High School and Specialist Sports College

### A Great Night Out



Many thanks to all those who came to our Ceilidh and Hog Roast on Saturday 18 May. The evening was a great success and well attended. Fantastic food was provided by the SAS camp and the music from TafRaf had people up and dancing all night. Thanks also go to Miss H and the

Pop Choir for their additional entertainment and to all those who helped organise the event by setting up, selling tickets, making bunting, designing posters, and anyone else we've forgotten.

During the evening our Grand Prize Draw took place with the lucky winner of first prize going home with a brand new Fujitsu laptop courtesy of Tribune. Thanks go to everyone who sold or bought raffle tickets and to all the companies who kindly donated prizes. A full list of prize winners can be found on the PTFA section of the school website, and at the back of this newsletter.

Over £1000 was raised and the money will go towards a new minibus for the school.

### Senior Students Appointed



Following a day of interviews and a lengthy deliberation we are proud to introduce our new senior students. H B was chosen as our new Head Boy with L A as Head Girl. C B is the new Deputy Head Girl with H J taking on the duties of Deputy Head Boy. These students were chosen from a strong field who all had to give a presentation and were interviewed by senior members of staff. Congratulations to the new team who were quickly called upon for their first official duty of a photocall with the Headteacher.

### Cricket Champions



A team of Year 8 students beat some talented opposition last month to win the cricket tournament held at the Bridge Street Leisure Centre. This is an excellent achievement and for winning the competition the team were awarded over £400 of brand new cricket equipment. As a result of winning this competition the team has progressed through to the Midlands regional finals in Birmingham this July.

Value Of The Month For June

# Courage

## Readathon

The English department would like to say a massive well done to our fabulous Year 7 students (plus a few Year 8s) who raised a fantastic £381.50 for Readathon. This organisation supports two brilliant charities: Clic Sargent, who support children with cancer and Roald Dahl's Children's charity who also support children who are ill and their families.

Being sponsored to read meant the students not only supported other children with the money they raised, but they also gained from the extra reading they undertook. The school will also benefit as we will receive books for the library to the value of 20% of the money raised.

Thank you to all of the people who encouraged and supported and sponsored the students in their efforts. It really produced wonderful results!

**Mrs A M**

## Futsal Regional Finals

After a successful Hereford campaign, the under 14's Futsal girls team travelled to the Birmingham National Futsal Area to participate in the West Midlands competition. With teams dropping out last minute, games were extended to 15 minutes. During the first game the girls needed every second, with a very late goal coming from J E with three seconds to go, giving Whitecross a very narrow 1-0 win.

Whitecross were undefeated throughout the group stages with another win and draw under their belts, they topped the group with points to spare. After a short wait, the girls played in a final game for the chance to bring the cup back to Whitecross. Again, after a tough game and coming back from a goal behind, we took the game to penalties. Unfortunately luck was not on our side and Whitecross lost by 3 penalties to 2.

Although the team was slightly disappointed, the team can be very proud of themselves as they

may not have won the cup, but the girls reached the National Finals by topping their group. This is fantastic achievement as there were some great teams on show.

Congratulations and good luck for the National Finals in June.

**Mrs W**

## Football Success



Whitecross Hereford have just completed a fantastic season of football across the county. Highlights are Whitecross being in each age group semi-final for each of the 5 year groups, and winning the finals of u13, u14 and u15. This is an outstanding achievement and shows how football is being developed and progressed at Whitecross. Whitecross also made it through to the West Midlands finals of the futsal for u14, u16 (Whitecross U15 side represented) and u14 girls. All the sides were highly competitive and professional in their approach to this tournament and the hard work paid off for the u14 Girls who have made it through to nationals.

This success has seen the city school pick up the Richard Wydenbach Herefordshire Schools Football Association School of the Year Trophy where points are collected throughout the boys schools football season for completing fixtures, making semi finals and being crowned county champions. Whitecross took the award for the third successive year with Earl Mortimer College in second and Weobley and Aylestone level in third.

## A Day In The Life: The Olympic Torch

**7.45am – 8.25am**

I started my day at Whitecross Hereford (the only school in Herefordshire I visited) in the glorious sunshine and joined in with the breakfast clubs of Football and Tennis, inspiring students to be the next Andy Murray and providing hope to those students dreaming of Team GB!

### **Briefing**

I popped in to morning briefing with the Deputy Headteacher to see the staff. They were happy to see me - I could tell. Lots of excited teachers in a staff room, is a dangerous place for an Olympic torch to be!

### **Lesson 1**

PE with Year 9 students who were sitting patiently waiting for my arrival. They watched the Lead your Generation DVD (I caught a sneak peek of it and spotted myself!!!). I was carried in by A B and A I; two outstanding Year 9 students who were the



official torchbearers due to their fantastic effort shown in PE lessons and leadership at Whitecross.

We then went outside where the Whitecross torch relay was taking place and I was passed around between 80 students on the school field.

### **Lesson 2**

Drama with Year 10 students who were preparing for their GCSE exam and used me as a prop - some future opening ceremony performers for sure!

### **Break Time**

The crowds gathered for two big events; the chance to have a photo taken with me and for Mr W to enjoy his birthday cake (he didn't offer me any though!)

### **Lesson 3**

Back to PE this time with year 8 students, a much louder bunch. They were really excited to see me, I could hear stories of what it meant to them and how they wanted to be in the Olympics.

### **Lesson 4**

Maths – I love Maths, and the Maths team loved me. Did you know I have 8000 holes in me!! No chance to be counted as I made my way around six of the maths classes. I inspired discussions about how it was possible to make the torch, and all the 'clever stuff' that went in to making me!

### **Lunch**

Lunch time was the Drama performances in the main hall. I 'performed' to my second biggest crowd after the Olympics! Full credit must go to the real performers who used me in a variety of creative ways. Great fun was had by all!

### **Lesson 5**

English – what better way to finish with a lesson about 'Danny the champion of the world'. Mrs Ws students were so engaged by me and even though it was a small class I showed them they could all be champions!!

I had a fantastic day inspiring students at Whitecross Hereford, I was passed around over 400 staff and students during the day. Each one reliving memories of the success of the games or the hopes of what they want to do in the next games! The day was over and I made my way to the next school over the weekend.

**Mr Olympic Torch (1 year old)**

## Greencross Council News

Greencross Council students took part in a Herefordshire competition to 'make recycling sing'. This is a county wide competition for both primary and secondary schools to promote the importance of recycling in Herefordshire.

Year 7 students have been making good use of old rubbish; by turning empty drink containers, garden hose pipes, cardboard boxes and sweet tins to name a few into musical instruments. With the help of Miss H they tuned these instruments to the words of their recycling song.

We are hoping that our song will make the school community sit up and pay attention to the importance of recycling and we will be selected by the council to take our lyrics and recycled music tunes, county wide and be played across the BBC Hereford airwaves. The students and I would like to thank Miss H for her musical input, Mr B for his technical know-how and the recycling team at Herefordshire council for their input on the day. Wish us good luck in the competition and who knows, maybe we will be coming from a radio near you very soon! Fingers crossed. Remember to exchange your empty ink cartridges for praise cards in DT4.

**Mrs G**



## Grand Prize Draw Winners

Whitecross  
**Three Elms**  
Association

**Mr P Bishop** - Fujitsu Lifebook donated by Tribune

**Mrs D Williams** - Lunch for 2 at The Chase Hotel, Ross On Wye

**Mrs C Smith** - Tickets to The Courtyard Theatre

**Mr D Horne** - Gift Voucher from Wyevale Garden Centre

**Mrs G Jutle** - Spa Day at Holmer Park

**Mr A Leeming** - Voucher from FIT, Hereford

**Miss M Bryans** - Oasis Gift Set

**Ms J Cavanagh** - Voucher from Halo Leisure Centres

**Mrs O Stephens** - Gift Voucher from The Hibiscus Room

**Mrs H Payne** - Voucher from Growing Local

**Miss N Kendall** - Art Set donated by Advantage Business Supplies

**Mr P Barber** - Car Art Set donated by Advantage Business Supplies

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## Dates For Your Diary

**Thursday 20 June:** Year 9 Photographs

**Thursday 27 June:** Induction Day And Evening

**Thursday 4 July:** Year 10 Parents Evening

**Friday 5 July:** Year 11 Leavers' Ball

**Thursday 11 July:** Year 7 Parents Evening

**Thursday 18 July:** Achievement Evening

**Friday 19 July:** Last Day Of Term