

News From Lady Royd

EXCURSIONS

This term, Upper II and Lower III learned about landscapes, rivers and geology through lots of outdoor activities during their week at Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre.



Lower II enjoyed their first residential experience in Scarborough. Amongst many other things, they particularly enjoyed their visit to the Sea Life Centre and were very enthusiastic participants in the sandcastle competition which was judged by an RNLI lifeguard.



CHARITY

All pupils are buying sunflowers grown in pots by the Environment Club to support the work of the Bradford Skin Cancer User Group Sunflower project. Pupils also paid £1.00 on Non-Uniform day, Friday 2nd July to support this charity.



SPORT

Congratulations to Aliza Khaliq in Lower I who, at the age of five gained her Silver Swimming Award. Well done to Misha Patel for her determination and perseverance. Her first target was to swim 50 metres she carried on to complete 100m and then 400m.

Aliza



Misha



Bravo, Olivia Pearson UII, has won the 2010 six-hole Stableford Competitions at the following tournaments:- Ripon City Golf Club, Hickleton Golf Club and Brough Golf Club.

Olivia is a member of Northcliffe Golf Club and a junior member of The Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association.



World Cup Football Day - All Lady Royd pupils enjoyed some football coaching from an EVOLVE SPORTS football coach.



DEBATING

In June, Lower III were keen hosts to Richmond House Year 6 pupils for a debating workshop and rigorous exchange of views and opinions on animal welfare.



TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

If you went down to the woods on Tuesday 6th July, there would have been a BIG surprise as every Pre-Prep pupil brought their teddy on the Lady Royd annual teddy bears' picnic and party.



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July 2010

The Leader...

Aspire • Succeed • Lead

It has been just over a year since I took up the post of headmistress at this wonderful school and what a year it's been! So much has been undertaken to move the school forward with confidence whilst honouring its 135 year history and one of the key activities initiated has been a full 're-brand' of the school. The most visible outcomes of this activity are the updated crests for both senior and preparatory schools, complete with the new school motto: **Aspire • Succeed • Lead**. The original motto for the school was 'Hoc Age', meaning 'do this', which very much reflected the intended ethos of the school when it opened in 1875. In the face of great scepticism, the school was set up as one of the first for girls when the pursuit of education and a career for women held little value. Our new motto needed to embrace this historical ideal, reflect where the school is now and indicate where we plan to take it in the near future, therefore after careful consideration the motto: **Aspire • Succeed • Lead** was selected.

Our new motto is relevant to the whole school community; it represents ambition and optimism and describes our educational philosophy. Look out for: **Aspire • Succeed • Lead** on all school communications as we move forward into the new decade.



Science Success

Two lower sixth pupils, Maddeeah Afshan and Mehreen Mahfooz have been chosen following a rigorous selection process to take part in the 'Step into the NHS Leadership Programme' which will run 5th-9th July. Organised by Bradford and Airedale Community Health Service, the programme selects just 20 students and includes two days at Douglas Mill, Bradford Primary Care Trust Head Quarters followed by a three day trip to London visiting the American Embassy, House of Lords and the Department of Health.



Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER, 2010

7th	Autumn term begins
8th	V11 and tutors team building day at Nell Bank in Ilkley
9th	Parents' & Friends' Committee Meeting Sicily Trip Parents' Evening V11 Information Evening for Parents/V11/Tutors
14th	LVth Battlefield Trip Parents' Meeting Transition parents to meet school nurse
15th	Lady Rody Upper Transition to LIII Information Evening
16th	Senior Awards Evening, 7pm
25th	Netball v Wakefield Girls (Away)
27th	GCSE English Language Controlled Assessment in lessons this week for LVth Bradford Schools' U16 Netball Tournament at BGGs Individual interviews for Work Experience begin (UVth)
29th Sept - 4th Oct	Lady Royd Book Fair
30th	Harvest Festival U11/12 Parents Evening combined with DofE Parents' Evening

OCTOBER, 2010

1st	Battlefields Trip to Belgium to 5th October
2nd	Science Fair & Open Day and Old Girls' Reunion Netball v Bolton & Stockport (Away)
4th	V12 Biology Evolution & Classification at Chester Zoo Bradford Schools' U15 Netball Tournament at BGGs
5th	Battlefields Trip to Belgium returns today
8th	Lady Royd disco 3.15pm to 5.15pm Disco
9th	Netball v Sheffield Girls' High School (Away)
13th	Trip to Cambridge Greek GCSE group Bradford Schools' U14 Netball Tournament at BGGs
14th	Sixth Form Spanish Trip to 19th
15th	UCAS deadline for early applicants

Half Term Holiday
Monday 18th October – Friday 29th October Inclusive

Sporting Excellence

Congratulations and well done to Adanna Okeahialam who competed in The Hammer Throw at the National Junior League at York Athletic Stadium on Sunday 27 June, **she threw a personal best of 49.55m which places her 5th in the UK rankings for this season.**

Adanna will also be competing for the third year in succession at the English Schools' Finals in July.



Summer Reading – Are you up to the challenge?

Mrs France, the School Librarian has challenged pupils to read five or more books over the summer holidays! Entrants will be awarded with a certificate and those who read the most books will receive a prize!

Get a copy of the book list from the Library or your English teacher and return to school in September with a list of the books that you have read. To prove you have read the books, Mrs. France will ask you a few questions about each book. **Good Luck!**

Careers

Well done to all UVth students who completed their week's work experience in June; placements included A hospital, Galaxy Radio, retail giant H&M, working in an outdoor activity centre, a veterinary surgery and a law practice.

Bradford Girls' Grammar Old Girl Gains MBE

Bradford Girls' Grammar School Old Girl, Eleanor Duncan was awarded an MBE in December 2009. She provided an update on life after Bradford Girls' Grammar School

"After leaving BGGGS I studied French and German at Oxford, and then worked for an insurance company in Horsham for 7 years. I then decided to train to work overseas; at the time I had the idea of working with the church in Eastern Europe. While I was doing this I became interested in linguistics and literacy and undertook further training. I also met my husband Alex Duncan and we were married in 1997. After our first child was born in 1999, we went to work with Afghan refugees for a charity based in Pakistan".

Afghan Community Health Programme

"From 2002 until summer 2008 we set up a community health programme in a remote mountainous area of northern Afghanistan (15 hours' drive from the nearest town). Alex is a doctor and I undertook health promotion, training village women - most of whom had no schooling at all. When we arrived in the valley around a third of children born there died before they reached their fifth birthday. We were principally trying to improve survival

chances for these children by training village health workers. One of the most rewarding aspects of being there was seeing mothers grow in confidence and the belief that they could do something themselves to help their children grow strong and get well when they were sick. We lived in a village of 19 houses with no mains electricity or running water and travelled up and down an 80-mile stretch of the valley covering 28 villages. The road up the valley is terrible and travel often involved terrifying river crossings. We also travelled (on foot and by yak!) to the high Pamir Mountains at 4000 metres above sea level (the so-called "Roof of the World") to help bring vaccinations and other health care to ethnic Kirghyz nomads who live there".

Coming Home

"We returned in 2008 principally so that our four children could attend school but we all still miss our lives over there a lot. We set up a charity, the Wakhan Development Partnership, to support continuing development work in the area (www.wakhandev.org.uk)".

MBE

"It was quite a surprise when we were both awarded an MBE, mostly because we worked

in such a forgotten corner of Afghanistan where the people live in poverty and have no real voice. It was a great privilege to work with an amazingly generous and warm-hearted community in a harsh, but very wild and beautiful environment.

The photo is of me with the children on one of our long trips down to the provincial capital

Eleanor is guest speaker at our school Senior Awards Evening on 16 September 2010 where she will distribute prizes and talk more about her work in Afghanistan



Politics

On Sunday 2nd May, Bismah Ali (LVL) represented the Youth Parliament and spoke with the former Labour Home Secretary, Alan Johnson, Shadow Conservative Home Secretary Chris Grayling and Shadow Liberal Democrat Home Secretary, Chris Huhne. Aired on the Victoria Derbyshire Show on Radio 5 Live, the subject of the discussion was crime and the effect of the proposed policies of the three parties on young people. When asked about the experience, Bismah said "Given that this was prior to the election, it was useful to speak in person about specific policies and to ask questions about the plans of each party for the young people they represent". Bismah, who wants a career in politics, added "it was a good opportunity to get a feel for the ethos of each individual party".



Art first, second and third!



Well done to our Upper IVth Art students who took part in the Bradford Young Creative Awards 2010 and took all three winning places! The competition, run by Bradford College required each student to design a T-shirt inspired by a Commonwealth country. Each girl produced a mood-board to show their chosen countries' culture, history and tradition, then used the mood-board to produce three T-shirt designs and presented their designs as a fashion illustration. Winners were announced on 21st June at The Bradford College Fashion Show: **1st Emma Dean, 2nd Sakina Shahid, 3rd Natalie Jovanovic**. The students received certificates and Amazon gift vouchers. Emma's winning design will be made up by Bradford College.

Winner - Emma Dean with her mood-board

Geography

The annual LVth Geography Field Trip took place in May and included visits to Malham Cove, Gordale Scar, Janet's Foss and Swinden Quarry, where pupils were pleased to learn that the environmental impact of the quarry is being minimised by planting trees and creating new habitats for wildlife. In twenty years' time, the quarry will be transformed into a 300ft deep lake!

The subterranean delights of Stump Cross Caverns were explored and pupils were honoured to meet Geoff Workman, who spent 105 days underground in the caverns in solitude as part of an investigation into the effect on the body of deprivation of the day and night cycle.



Sports Day and Family Summer Fun



Thank you to the Friends' of Bradford Girls' Grammar School who welcomed our Preparatory School families into school on the afternoon of Monday 28 June for Sports and Family Fun. It was a gloriously sunny afternoon where both parents and children took part in a host of fun sports. Strawberries, ice lollies, scones and tea were a perfect end to a perfect afternoon! Parents and The Friends of Bradford Girls' Grammar School are always on the look out for new members who are keen to help out and work with the school. Why not get involved? Contact Mike Robinson on mike@yorkshireelectrical.co.uk

Drama Examinations

Congratulations and well done to all pupils that were successful in their LAMDA Examinations:

Senior School

Speaking Verse and Prose
Five Grade 8 Gold Medals, one with Merit
One Grade 6 Bronze Medal
One Grade 5

Acting

Two Grade 8 Gold Medals
Four Grade 7 Silver Medals, one with Merit
One Grade 6 Bronze Medal
Four Grade 5
Two Grade 4

Lady Royd

Speaking Verse and Prose
Four Grade 3 one with Distinction,
Two with Merit
Seven Grade 2, two with Merit
Eight Grade 1

Drama and Theatre Studies

The A2 Drama and Theatre Studies group saw Shakespeare's 'As You Like It', one of their A2 text, at the Old Vic in London on 1st June, where they met with one of the producers. This was a matinee performance preceded by a visit to the British Library in the morning.



Lessons from Auschwitz

In March this year, Louise Machin and Felicity Houghton VII had the opportunity to take part in the Lessons From Auschwitz Project, a national scheme run by the Holocaust Educational Trust involving a one day visit to the former Second World War Nazi concentration camp in Poland. Written by Louise Machin and Felicity Houghton, this is an account of their visit:-

"The Orientation Seminar we attended at Leeds University before the visit to Poland prepared us for the sights and feelings we would experience during, and after visiting Auschwitz. The seminar also gave us the privilege of hearing a survivor, Eugene Black, speak about his experience of the Holocaust, an increasingly rare opportunity which greatly enhanced our experience; one of the aims of the project is to educate younger generations in order to allow the message of survivors such as Mr Black to be passed on.

However, no amount of preparation could fully prepare us for our experience of the visit. We visited the town known as Auschwitz by the

Germans during the war, to gain an understanding of the community that the Holocaust destroyed. To this day there are no Jewish people living in the town, and the sole Jewish cemetery remains locked to prevent the anti-Semitic attacks it is still vulnerable to

We then visited both Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II, also known as Auschwitz-Birkenau, and were given a tour around both sites before taking part in a memorial service. Initially, we both felt a sense of deep shock and loss, yet it was not the sadness or crying many of the group had expected; in fact, on returning from Poland many people asked 'did you cry?', but the answer, unexpectedly, was no. It was not until a couple of days later that we felt stronger emotions about the visit, but our feelings had changed from a sense of shock and disbelief to a sense of responsibility to inform others of the lessons which can be learnt from the events of the Holocaust, and determination to not let these lessons be forgotten.

One contemporary lesson we feel especially strongly about is a particular aim of the project - to encourage younger generations to be politically aware and to challenge acts of prejudice and discrimination both in society and in the media, so that the horrors of the Holocaust can never be repeated. We are now continuing to pass on this lesson, and others we learnt, to the school and the wider community".



Partner School Day

Our annual Partner School Day took place on 25th June. Entitled 'Plan-It Earth', the day focussed on international links. The Great Hall was cleverly transformed into a simulated airport and our 180 'travellers' (from local schools) were taken through passport control to France, Germany, Spain and Japan through use of language, song, food, dance and other creative means. Well done Menston Primary, Lady Lane Park and Cottingley Village Primary who came first, second and third respectively in the "Last Choir Standing" Competition and will be invited back to Bradford Girls' Grammar School to record their winning song in our recording studio.

