



Fyling Hall Matters

Friday 9th October (Issue 3)

Fyling Hall Celebrates Harvest Festival

Last Sunday, Fyling Hall celebrated Harvest Festival, but how much do you really know about it?

Harvest is from the old English for hærfest which means autumn. Over time it became the word for the time of reaping and harvesting the crops in the field. Harvest Festival in the UK happens at the end of September to symbolise the end of the main harvest season.

Traditionally it is also a time to celebrate all of the hard work that everyone has done to make the crops and the effort they put in reaping them.

Every year the Fyling Hall community pulls together and donates tinned and dried food that gets presented to St Stephen's church as part of the Harvest Festival Sunday service. This year, we gave generously and we

were able to help many vulnerable and less fortunate families in the local area.

It's not just Britons who celebrate Harvest Festival; all around the world other people have celebrations too.

In India they have a day called 'Thanksgiving Day', the Igbo people of Nigeria celebrate New Yam (sweet potato) Day and in South Korea it is called Chuseok which is on the 15th of August in the lunar calendar making it sometime in late September-early October.

The tradition of Harvest festivals stretches back to the Middle Ages when Lammas Day was celebrated on the 1st of October. As a result of all these things it seems unlikely Harvest festival will die out anywhere anytime soon.

(Elfie Field and Sandy Williams)

The World According to Tom...



National Poetry Day

This year's topic was 'Light'. In many lessons poems about light were written and read. There were lots of different interpretations of light; the light in people, the light from heaven or the light from a lightbulb. This poem was written by Bel and Annabelle from Year 11 during their French class:

D'abord tu me vois heureuse puis tu me vois tombée et cassée

J'ai la lumière et l'obscurité dedans

De temps en temps on voit l'obscurité

De temps en temps on voit la lumière

Ils se battent et je ne peux pas les échapper

Words of the Week

This week Next week

Tricky: **Honest** **Careless**

Trickier: **Reasonable** **Reckless**

Trickiest: **Equitable** **Hare-brained**

Sandy Reports On The Pope's US visit

It was confirmed recently that the Pope met with county clerk anti-gay marriage activist Kim Davis. In a rare statement however, the Vatican said that the Pope does not endorse her ideas. Mrs Davis shot to fame when she refused to issue wedding licences for gay couples in her official role as clerk of Rowan County. Mrs Davis is an Apolistic Christian and believes gay marriage is against the will of God. She was imprisoned for six days as a result. During his USA visit the Pope also spoke to Congress and the UN. Gay marriage and the right of Christians to oppose it is one of the key issues of Francis' papacy. The statement described the situation involving Mrs Davis as "complex".

U13s Rugby Report

Although they have only played 2 matches so far, our U13 boys rugby team has seen great improvement. Admittedly not enough to see themselves a victory, but as Mr Coates said "At that level you have to teach them everything: passing, tackling, rucks, mauls and scums." So the result of last Saturday's match was well received by the team and the rest of the school.

The U13s lost, a close 28-26 to Queen Ethelburga's U13 Bs. Even though this was a loss, I'm sure that the boys were pleased to see improvements as their game, against Pocklington's U13 Bs, ended 36-24.

The U13s scored 4 tries in their Saturday match: 2 from Ben, 1 from Chemin and 1 from Rueben. Due to Ben's 2 tries and proficient performance, he was named man of the match. This fact was announced, by Ben himself, during assembly. In quite an exhibition of cheeky arrogance, he proclaimed "...and Man of the Match was me." Which produced some good natured laughter from the whole school.

(Asa Jones)



Sue Sees Stars!

Last Friday, Whitby Astronomical Society kindly came to Fyling Hall School with some fancy telescopes. Many students and staff attended this society talk. Mark showed us many stars such as the brightest star, pole star and he also taught us to understand perspective, showing us how far the stars are away from us. Then we were given a chance to see some stars closer than ever before.

I saw a star in the distance which seemed to be flickering and changing colours. I asked Mark why it was flickering. He told me that it was because we were seeing the stars through the heat wave of the atmosphere, which caused the star to appear to be blinking and shimmering.

Friday night was full of interesting information and everyone, including the staff, enjoyed the amazing experience. Thank you to Whitby Astronomical Society for taking the time to come to Fyling Hall.

(Sueyan Kim)

On this week ...

...in 2003 Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected governor of California. Furthermore, the Terminator won this election with a considerable proportion of the vote. Critics might wonder how an actor and former body builder could be regarded as a suitable candidate for politics, as at the time it appeared somewhat controversial. Perhaps political memories are short in a country where an actor can be elected President! One possible suggestion offered by the Terminator films was that a drastic solution was required to eliminate the USA's problems. Did this say something about the state of American politics?

(Connor Asprey)

The Week Ahead

Sat 10th	10:30am	U14, U12 Rugby v Hull Collegiate (Home)
	1:15pm	Splash session @ Scarborough indoor pool
Sun 11th	9:30am	Karting @ Teesside
Mon 12th	11:00	The Staff Bake Off
Tues 13th	4:00pm	U13 Football @ CCW on astro
Wed 14th	3:30pm	U13 Rugby development evening
Thurs 15th	4:00pm	U13 Football v Eskdale (Away)
	4:00pm	U13 Netball v Eskdale (Away)
Fri 16th	4:30pm	Newcastle Falcons v Gloucester 8pm KO
Sat 17th	11:00am	U15 Rugby v Queen Ethelburga's (Home)
	11:00am	U15, U13 Hockey v Queen Ethelburga's (Home)
Sun 18th	1:00pm	Cinema trip

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