



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another academic year I am writing to thank all of you for your support and co-operation in our efforts to ensure the welfare of all of our students and in encouraging them to do the best they possibly can in their learning. Apart from the excellent progress that our students have made this year, the success of our new Sixth Form curriculum and our highest ever attendance figures, we have had fun!

We have so many things to celebrate and I have pleasure in sharing some highlights of the many activities that have taken place since our last newsletter.

Our post 19 provision, 'Catcote Futures' on Brierton Lane was officially opened this term and we hope to complete the refurbishment of the final section of the complex very soon.

In May opened The Vestry Cafe within Hartlepool Art Gallery on Church Square. Not only does this provide opportunities for our students to access work placements but some also work on Saturdays and during holidays for which they receive a bursary payment. If you have not already visited the café, give yourselves a treat, the food is excellent and the service second to none.

Our ongoing programme of refurbishment will continue over the summer break. This will include creating a long awaited science lab, a new physiotherapy area, redecoration of a number of classrooms and replacing the surface of our all-weather pitch.

Two of our most long-serving staff are retiring at the end of this term. Janice Wilson has spent almost her entire teaching career at Catcote and Alison Brown the last 19 years. As they look forward to a life without levels, marking and bells I would like, on behalf of countless children and families to thank them for their passion and dedication over the time they have spent with us. They will be missed by all.

Looking forward to next year, we are committed to building on our success and with your continued support will achieve great things. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and manage to find some sunshine.

Kind Regards
Alan Chapman, Head Teacher.



International success!

Pupils in class 8 have been communicating with pupils from Italy, Tanzania and Rwanda. After initial communications with the three schools, separate projects were set up. The most challenging was the school in Tanzania which educates deaf children.

Class 8 had 2 challenges; they did not know sign language or Swahili!

This did not stop them for long though. They learned how to say "Hello, my name is" in sign language. Each pupil was filmed and the film was sent over to Tanzania. We received videos back from them and we discovered their sign language different to British Sign Language. We still understood them though.

This led to us photographing parts of our school and then sending the pictures with English words to Tanzania. They translated the English to Swahili and they filmed themselves, showing us the sign language to parts of our school.

After that, we received photographs from Tanzania with word written in Swahili, which we had to translate using a translation tool on the Internet. We sent their video back, translated into English.

We made lots of new friends, saw things from the other side of the world and practiced lots of new skills. We have only just started these projects and are going to continue with new ideas next year.



1Voice Competition

In May, Lewis Theasby from Class 8, took part in The Red Dreams U16 1Voice Singing Competition. This was Lewis's first ever competition and his first gig outside of school. He absolutely blew everybody away with his amazing rendition of 'Chasing Pavements' by Adele. The competition included some of the brightest stars in the North East competing to win Photo-shoots, Studio Time and Radio Play as well as a cash prize. The judges were experienced professionals, DJs, managers and producers from the world of music and were very impressed with Lewis's performance. He came 3rd in the competition overall!, Lewis now wants to continue his music and hopefully you will see him on a stage somewhere soon. Well done, Lewis, we are very proud of you!



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Students Owen Hughes and Aaron Tumilty have been taking part in a new Music Practitioner course run by Studio 47 through Red Dreams. The students have received training in producing music, playing instruments, performance techniques and many other aspects of the music industry. Owen is an aspiring rapper whilst Aaron is interested in pursuing a career in Music Production. The boys have enjoyed their time on the course and have had a valuable experience. They have worked so hard that they have both achieved a RSL Level 2 Certificate in Technology for Music Practitioners. This is equivalent to two GCSEs at Grade A*-C! Congratulations boys!

Class 5

Class 5 enjoyed their well deserved end of term treat... a trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium at Tynemouth. They saw a variety of sealife including fish that looked like Dory and Nemo! They finished their day by visiting a seaside restaurant 'Crusoes' and eating a large portion of fish and chips.



Class 5 has started an early transition ready for September, saying goodbye to Miss Corrigan and Mrs Hornsey at Easter and now Miss Wilson is retiring at summer. Miss McIntosh has been working with Class 5 over this last term and in September will be their new class teacher, with Miss Harrison and Miss Whitehouse as the class teaching assistants.

Class 5 were given some money from 'Parents and Friends of Catcote' to help with their garden. Staff and students have been working really hard on the garden this year and it is looking beautiful. For Miss Wilson's Retirement party we invited the rest of school along, and the other classes enjoyed our garden area.



Class 3 Visits

This year Class 3 has been lucky enough to access the bus on a Wednesday afternoon. We have been out in the community and have visited lots of different places. Our favourite places include: The Vestry, Sweet Peas Garden Centre, the library, Tees Barrage, café's around the town and the Historic Quay. These visits have given the students the opportunity to learn about money, how to be responsible in the community and experience new destinations.

Outdoor Education

On Tuesday afternoons, pupils have been visiting Summerhill to take part in various outdoor education activities. Learning outside of the classroom is very important and allows us to work on different skills such as teamwork, social skills and skills that the new challenges present. This term, challenges have included mountain biking, archery, conservation, survival techniques, high ropes course, indoor and outdoor climbing and orienteering. All were challenging in their own way but were fun at the same time.



Lake District Residential

Pupils from across the whole school visited Keswick in the Lake District for a three-day residential. It was the first time that pupils from our SEMHD department have been on a residential with pupils from the main site and it was a huge success!

Pupils took part in rock climbing, archery, abseiling, canoeing, mountain biking, gorge walking and a visit to Keswick town....all in three days!

It was great to see the pupils working together, supporting and encouraging each other. The gorge walk was particularly difficult with very cold and deep water, but students managed superbly, helping each other along the way. Mountain biking was very tough as it was a hot day and a very long route. We came across an adder along a path (the snake, not a mathematician!) which stopped us for a while, but we soon got going again. Students were tired by the end of each day!

The visit was an amazing experience and we all hope that the full-school 5 day sailing residential in July is going to be just as good. Report to follow in the next newsletter.



Realfoodworks

'Realfoodworks' are a cookery roadshow who visit primary schools and special schools to teach food related activities.

They were invited into Catcote Academy and have worked with class 4a for three weeks on Tuesday mornings during their Food Technology lessons. The staff, Wendy and David have been discussing healthy eating and nutrition and the students have responded well to the visual approach the staff have used. This work reinforces and supports lessons at Catcote Academy.

Realfoodworks have allowed students the opportunity of cooking and tasting a variety of healthy dishes to take home for their family, along with the recipes.

All the recipes are cooked using the microwave allowing the students to make food safely and quickly.

What did the students think of the programme? Liam said "I learned how to do the claw and bridge method of cutting fruit and vegetables" Luke said "the food was delicious".



Thankyou, Mrs Bell

Mrs Bell retired as school cook 22 years ago but since then has been coming into school as a volunteer one morning a week in Miss Wilson's class. Our students have really enjoyed working with her, and she says she's enjoyed every minute, so a massive thank you Margaret, and our very best wishes for the future.



London Trip

Mr Kitson's Performing Arts and Media group enjoyed a trip to London this term. The aim of the trip was to see what jobs within the Media and Performing Arts were like, and to experience how TV and radio shows are made.

We visited Maddame Tussauds, Regent's Park, Planet Hollywood and went to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on the West End. Our most exciting moment was visiting the BBC Studios.

We were taken on a tour around the BBC Centre, saw the news rooms and TV studios, watched The One Show getting ready for a live broadcast and the most exciting part was having the chance to read the news and weather in a studio and recording our own Radio Drama.



All students had a great experience and were even commended for their behaviour on the train by another passenger.

Thank you to all staff and students who made this a great trip and a huge thank you to Happy Days and Parents and Friends of Catcote for contributing to the cost of the trip.



The Dogs Trust

During the Spring term Class 1 studied "responsibility" in their PSHE lessons by completing activities with The Dogs Trust. They have been learning about the responsibility of dog ownership, using an engaging film about getting a dog and the importance of the decisions and processes involved. Students came up with the idea of raising money for the Dogs Trust to help homeless animals. They researched essential items and carried out activities to raise money.



With the money, each student bought a selection of dog items and created a shoebox for the dog's arrival at the centre. On the 18th of March Class 1 visited the Dogs Trust centre in Darlington to present their shoeboxes and had the opportunity to meet the staff and animals and find out more about the work of the charity. Staff and students had a lovely day and found it very difficult not to come back with a class pet!!

Class 8 Garden volunteering project at Queens Meadow care home

Class 8 have been organising a volunteering project in the community. After a lot of research, debate and voting it was decided to do a gardening project in a local care home. We contacted the council to see if they could help us out.

We had an initial meeting with Jeanette Willis, who is Head of Strategic Planning for Hartlepool Council. She suggested some businesses and councillors we could contact for help and also said she may be able to help out with plants.



When we visited the care home, we decided that there was much more to do than just gardening. We wanted to paint a mural on the wall and decided to draw a scene from Hartlepool Headland, which would hopefully remind the elderly people about their youth. We decided that we needed to use bright colours so people with poor eyesight would benefit. We also decided that the area needed planters so the gardens would be tidy and also if we built them high, people in wheelchairs would be able to touch the flowers in there.



We then invited councillors Chris Simmons and Carl Richardson who congratulated us on our project, gave us some good advice and suggested that we contact councillors and ask for financial help from their ward budget.



Two pupils wrote letters to local businesses for help. Both MKM and Charles Dickens were very generous and donated hundreds of pounds worth of supplies and equipment!

Pupils are currently working very hard on the project as you can see from the photographs. While we were there, we were interviewed by BBC Tees Radio. Our interview was broadcast on the breakfast show on 2nd July and it will be available to listen to on the school website. Our project also featured in the Hartlepool Mail.

We intend to carry on with the project and see the next steps as arranging events with the residents and inviting them into school so we can work on our social skills.

Pupils Visit Sacred Places



Pupils from Link 1,2, 4 & 5 visited St Oswald's Church and the Nasir Mosque in Brougham Terrace as part of their R.E. curriculum. Pupils were studying the topic 'What is sacred?' and after thinking about what is sacred or special to them, they looked at what is sacred or special to religious people.

Pupils were welcomed into the mosque and had to remove their shoes as they went in, to show respect. They listened to a presentation and asked lots of questions. They even got a special performance of the 'call to prayer'. Afterwards, they were treated to a drink and some biscuits.



At St Oswald's Church, they were amazed by the differences compared to the mosque. The mosque did not have any pictures or statues but the church had lots! The church was also very big and old. Pupils looked at the stained glass windows, the organ and some even got to dress in Father Buttery's outfits and ring the church bell!



Dinosaurs

This term dinosaurs have taken over Class 4a! Our cross curricular topic has seen our students becoming paleontologists in Humanities lessons hatching eggs and measuring their growing dinosaurs in Science, using dinosaur fossils to support their Maths, writing fantastic fantasy stories in English and creating their very own dinosaur feet in Art.



The students have thoroughly enjoyed the topic that has taken over all areas of our classroom. As a treat for their outstanding enthusiasm and hard work we went to see Jurassic World at the cinema and visited 'Space to Learn' for an immersive dinosaur experience.



Fairtrade Tea party

Catcote Academy organised and hosted a Fairtrade tea party and tea dance on Friday 6th March during Fairtrade fortnight.

The tea party was the finale of a Careers and Fairtrade Enterprise week when students learned about job roles and putting all the roles together to create a community event.

During the week students practised activities which demonstrated skills for the workplace, for example team work, communication skills, problem solving skills and meeting deadlines.

The planning and organisation of the Fairtrade tea party involved many students from different vocational option areas across the school.

Job roles and activities incorporated the Reprographics department marketing the event.

They made invitations, posters, price labels for plants for sale, flyers for Hartlepool Fairtrade Steering Group, certificates and unique pledges.

The Catering department made the cakes, scones and sandwiches for all the

guests using a variety of Fairtrade ingredients having researched and sourced them from local stores and supermarkets. The Horticulture department potted pansies in teacups, which decorated the tables in the coffee shop and we sold

as gifts. The Busybugs team from our Young Enterprise company joined in the celebration by making fresh flower arrangements using Fairtrade roses in the vintage cups and selling them as part of their enterprise company. The cups, saucers and plates for the event were kindly donated by the public, following an appeal in the Hartlepool Mail and on Radio Hartlepool.

The donated cups were not only used to decorate the coffee shop but were also used for drinking Fairtrade tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

Everyone leaving the event received a teacup with a Fairtrade tea bag and a pledge to use Fairtrade products. These were given out by Martin Green, chair of the Hartlepool Fairtrade Steering Group.



To open the event up to the wider community, there was a 'bake a chocolate cake' competition where the entrants were asked to use as many Fairtrade ingredients as possible. A total of 14 entries took part in the Fairtrade fortnight 2015 challenge from across Hartlepool. All cakes were brought to Catcote Academy to be judged by Jason Anderson, presenter from Radio Hartlepool. The three winning cakes were taken to Preston Park the following day (Saturday 7th March) to be judged with cakes from Middlesbrough and Stockton to find an overall regional winner.

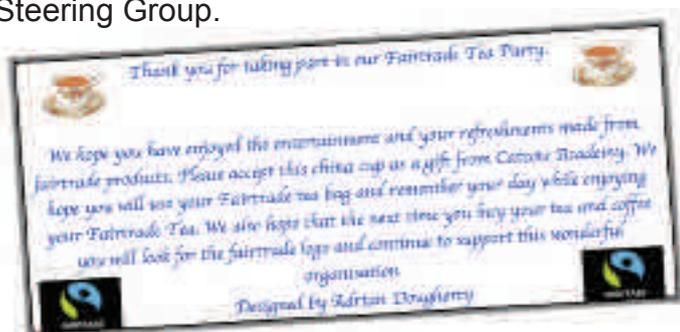
The tea dance was supported by Carol Hammond and Diane Bell from Carol Hammond Dance studio. Carol said "Both Diane and I thoroughly enjoyed dancing with

students of all abilities – to see them smiling, happy and moving to music was fabulous. We danced the foxtrot and tango, as well as disco moves to their favourite tunes."

Alison Brown Director of Specialism in Business and Enterprise said "The tea party and tea dance was amazing. It was attended by parents, students and teachers from other schools, governors, visitors and members of The Fairtrade Steering Group. It is wonderful to see all the community come together and have a great time. Our Catcote Academy motto is "working together achieving success" and that certainly is true".

The impact of the Fairtrade Tea Party was £254 raised which was donated to Fairtrade as well as Students, parents, carers and the general public coming together, sharing and learning about Fairtrade through a student designed quiz and colouring competition and having fun.

The longer term impact will be greater uptake of Fairtrade products as students, parents, carers, visitors and staff all adhere to the pledge and continue to support and purchase Fairtrade products.



Calvert Trust

For a week in March, Class 6 enjoyed an amazing trip to the Calvert Trust in the Lake District. The Calvert Trust is an adventure holiday centre for people with physical and learning disabilities. The students were absolutely fantastic and experienced canoeing, zip wiring, harness swing and horse riding!

The students achieved more than we ever hoped and we are so proud of the way they behaved, coped with being away from home for a week and how they tried new things. We are so grateful to the staff at Calvert who were so accommodating and made the trip a huge success. All the staff and students had a wonderful time and we can't wait to go back next year!



Paralympic Sports Fest



On the 5th of March Class 1 students and staff visited Maiden Castle in Durham to attend the Paralympic Sports Fest with the aims to 'meet the medalists, try the sports, get inspired'.

The students had the unique opportunity to discover more about disability sport and take part in a variety of the 17 Paralympic sports ranging from dressage to athletics.

They met triple Paralympic champion Stephen Miller and wheelchair fencing star Gemma Collis and listened to their experiences of London 2012. It was a fantastic day which inspired the students to succeed in sport!



A Fond Farewell



Assistant Head **Janice Wilson** is retiring from Catcote Academy after 38 years of teaching in special schools. Janice joined the Catcote site in 1980 when the school was called Sandwell since then she has seen it become Catcote, a secondary school for children across the range of learning difficulties then a specialist College and now an Academy. She has been a senior member of staff for many years, and says that the most precious part of the job has been working with the very special children and young people at Catcote. Janice says, "It's been a privilege to work with these wonderful children alongside skilled teachers and teaching assistants. In recent years I have specialised in teaching students with autism which has been most rewarding. In my role as Special Needs Coordinator, I met all the parents and many visiting professionals, and thoroughly enjoyed that part of my role. I'm also proud to have been part of a talented and dedicated leadership team led by an inspirational head in Alan Chapman. Catcote Academy is such a special place and I have been very happy here, but am looking forward to making the most of my retirement and will still come back often to visit!"



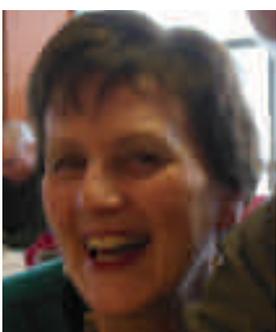
Alison Brown has been teaching for 34 years; 16 years at mainstream schools including English Martyrs and Dyke House in Hartlepool and Gillbrook, Ormesby School and Kirby College in Middlesbrough. For the past 18 years she has been teaching food technology and enterprise at Catcote. In 2011 she was awarded the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion in recognition of her outstanding achievement in the promotion of enterprise in Great Britain.

Alison says "It is now time to retire and enjoy a slower pace of life with many holidays planned. I have now passed on my knowledge and love of cooking to the students, which they in turn enjoy, they are learning relevant life skills. "I have embedded enterprise into the school and have helped the students to develop confidence and employability skills. I have worked with brilliant staff, a wonderful head teacher at Catcote Academy and lovely children."



Tracy Lee has worked at Catcote Academy for 8 years. She has been teaching since 2001 with 14 years in special schools. She has always taught ICT and has enjoyed raising money for the school.

Tracy says, "I have really enjoyed working in education and I am really looking forward to my new job teaching Maths in the International School of Brunei. Everyone has been very helpful towards me and been ive had a fantastic team of people to work with. I couldn't have achieved as much as I have without the support of the staff and my line manager Mrs Greig! Thank you everyone and good luck!"



After many years at Catcote, **Janet Hornsey** retired at Easter. She has been one of our most skilled classroom assistants and has been well loved by her students. We had an emotional assembly when each class presented her with a gift and the staff gave her a lovely garden bench hand made by our craftsmen in Class 7. Janet is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren, working on her allotment, travelling with her husband and doing lots of cooking, sewing and other crafts. We will miss her a lot but wish her a very happy retirement.

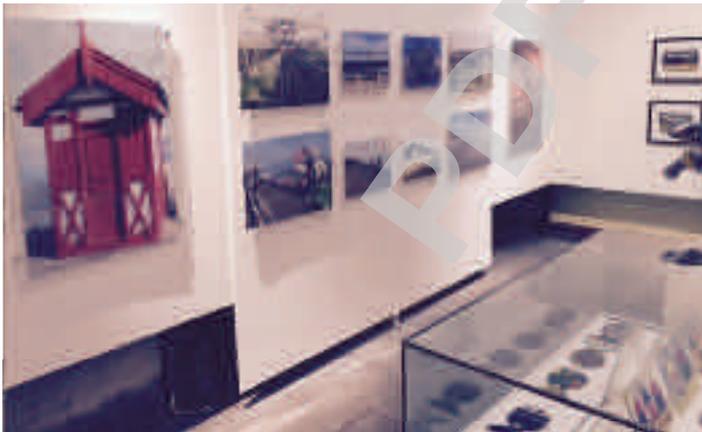
Class 9 Panathalon

Class 9 students attended a sports event at Marsh House Sports Centre in Billingham. Class 9 students took part in the Panathlon Challenge with students from other special schools in the region. The students had a fantastic time participating in a range of specialist games and activities. All of the students were presented with a lovely t-shirt, medal and certificate. We look forward to attending more events in the future.



Creative Arts

Throughout July and August work created by students at Catcote Academy is being exhibited in Hartlepool Art Gallery. The work ranges from photography, felt and glass work. Pop in over the six week Summer holidays to view the students work and why not enjoy a cuppa in the 'Vestry,' our newly opened coffee shop, run by Catcote students.



Fairtrade Challenge

As active members of Hartlepool Town Fairtrade Steering group and in an ambassadorial role, Catcote like to support other schools and demonstrate good practice.

On 7th July Mrs Brown and Mr Currell created and delivered a Fairtrade Enterprise Challenge for children of Barnard Grove Primary School. 42 children took part in the challenge "to create a bag to hold Fairtrade products from newspaper and string".

This fun activity taught facts about Fairtrade. The aim was to help Barnard Grove School work towards the Fairware award.

This was greatly received and the children eagerly joined in showing teamwork, co-operation, problem solving and using their initiative. The children were delighted to receive a Fairtrade banana for taking part in the new challenge. Barnard Grove staff will be asking these children to lead the challenge to younger children in September.



One Awards

In June Alan Chapman and Georgie Jones attended the One Awards Celebration of Learning 2015 at Newcastle. Catcote Futures was nominated for an award.

Although Catcote Futures did not receive the top award this year we did receive the One Awards Highly Commended for the Outstanding Provision for NOCN Learning.





A warm welcome, and a big hello, to all parents, carers and friends of Catcote Academy. I have recently taken over as Chair of Parents and Friends, as its previous chair, the very lovely Tracey Lee is moving abroad. As a group we would like to extend our membership to include more parents and friends on the committee and to organise more community events this coming academic year.

This summer we organised our first ever out door 'Summer Fun Day' on Saturday 4th July. This was a fantastic event, which was supported very well by parents/friends, carers, students and staff alike. Great fun was had by all! We also managed to raise over £1000 in the process, which will be used to enrich the curriculum and experience of Catcote Academy students.

Catcote Parents and Friends are a Registered Charity, which gives us greater opportunity to extend our fund raising within the community. The committee is made up of parents, staff and friends of the school.



If you would like more information or would like to offer your time please feel free to come along to the next meeting!

Next Meeting
15:30 pm Monday
7th September 2015

If you would like to contact us for further details contact
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Summer Fun Day

Parents and Friends work closely with the school to help provide extra funding and resources. We are always looking for new ideas for fund-raising events so please get in touch if you feel there's something we should try.

A big big thank you to the people and business's who provided raffle prizes and donations, below some of those involved are listed below
Morrisons, Tesco, 23 Taxis, Capita, Gladys Tea Room, Travel Lodge, Sambuca's, Hillcarter meal 4 two, Vanity House, Vanity Room, SRC beauty room, Nails by Chani, Retreat, Next vouchers, Mr Twisters to name but a few, a fantastic response!



Catcote Academy were proud and delighted to welcome the Lions of Zululand - an incredibly talented group of singers and dancers from some of the poorest regions of South Africa. Founder and director Mdu Mkhise from KwaMashu has spent many years developing the group.

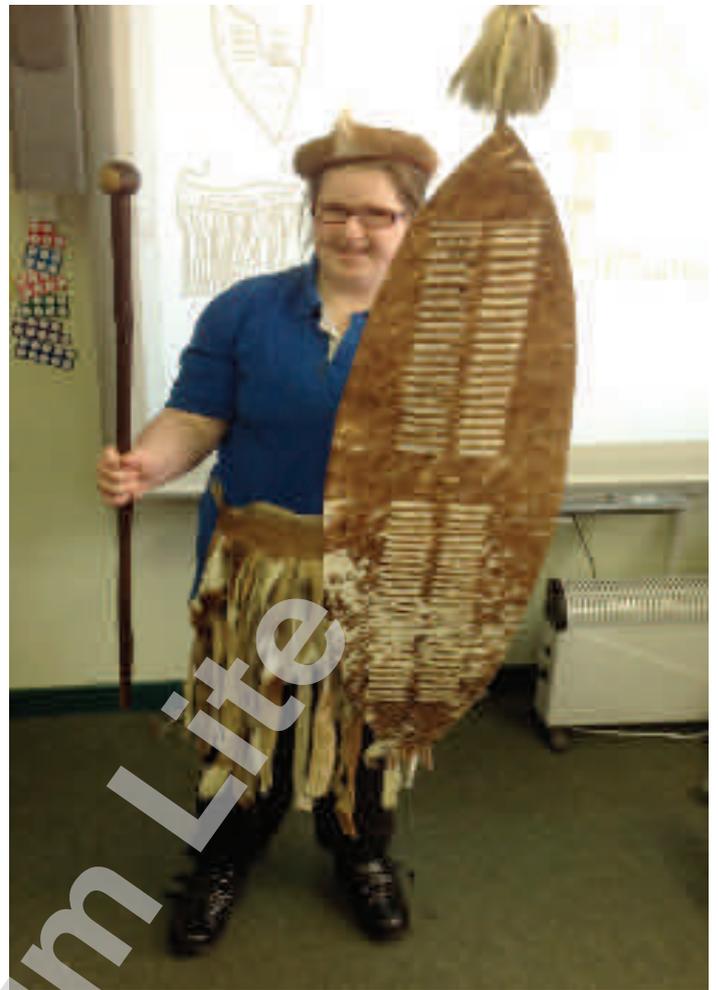
These young performers enjoy promoting the culture of South Africa and fulfilling their potential, whilst earning a livelihood to support their families at home. The group performed in front of the whole school, demonstrating their unique culture through dance and music, to the delight of students and staff.

Mr Currell, International Schools coordinator said "The atmosphere was electric with excitement. The Lions rushed into the hall screaming, singing, dancing, playing the drum and waving shields and sticks. The students initial shock quickly turned to delight as they were entertained in a way they had never experienced before".

The exciting experience did not stop after the hour long performance as the Lions stayed for the full day putting on workshops. Students had the opportunity to learn about the differences and similarities we share in the cultural workshop.

They learned how to greet each other using the Zulu language and discovered facts about how they live. Art, dancing and singing workshops also took place and were enjoyed by all. At the end of the day the school came together

again to show what we had learnt as we sang and danced together with the Lions of Zululand for one last performance. Mr Currell reported the students as saying how wonderful the day was and what a brilliant time they had had.



Mr Currell went on to say "We are very grateful to Mdu and his team. The whole event really opened our eyes to the culture and diversity of others in the world. The day will stay in the minds of our students for a long time". A big thankyou to Happy Days for supporting this activity.



Tradefair Winners 2015 Busybugs



Young Enterprise North East and Cumbria trade Fair took place at the Metro Centre, Gateshead on Sunday 8th February.

Schools, colleges and universities from the North East and North West took part in a competition which involved setting up a trade stand, talking to judges about their companies and selling their products to customers.

Busybugs from Catcote Academy entered the competition and won the 'Best Team Programme award'. Adam, Rachel, Lewis and Hannah gave up their free time on a Sunday to set up their stand and sold £82.50 of products to the public. The students used many business skills for example teamwork, meeting deadlines, problem solving, communication and financial capability at the event and made new business contacts.

Lewis the Managing Director was invited to give an interview about the products Busybugs have created and how they can be developed. This will be added to the students views on the Young Enterprise website.

The students launched a new product 'Alphabugs' and the 'Alphabug colouring book', which have been written and designed by Busybugs students.



The judges have suggested the books should be published. This has now been followed up and busybugs have actually published 2 books. Look out for them in the shops.

Quote from Mrs Brown link teacher

"The company have created a unique product 'made by children for children' and we all are very excited to share this with everyone. The winning of the award proves that the judges, who are business people feel we are on to a winner!"

Busybugs closes down!

All the Young Enterprise Team programme companies can only run for 2 years and then must close down. BusyBugs Young Enterprise company has had a successful 2 years at trading and made a profit of over £700!

The 10 students, 3 staff and Christine Yule, business director and MD of Durham Business Group, discussed what they would like to do with the profit. All students decided they would like to go on a day out, spend the money, treat themselves and have a day to remember! Beamish Museum was the choice for a full day out.

It turned out to be a brilliant day, the weather was sunny and the team enjoyed riding on trams, steam trains, eating ice creams, riding on the carousel and 'shuggy' boats as well as visiting the town and the old sweet shop to spend part of their wages.

At 5.00pm we left Beamish Museum to visit the restaurant at the Beamish Hall hotel and all enjoyed a gorgeous 2 course meal.

The remaining money will be divided by the 10 students and will be given as the wages for all their hard work. Congratulations to all the students. You have been a great team and have learned key employability skills. Well done.



Enterprise Education Conference

Catcote Academy was invited to take part in a presentation at the Enterprise Education Conference at Excelsior Academy in Newcastle on 30th June to show good practice.

Mrs Brown and Mr Currell put on a workshop for delegates at the event and took four BusyBugs students along to take part in a powerpoint presentation.

The students demonstrated excellent presentation skills and received great praise for their efforts.

The workshop included a practical challenge for the delegates, which the students had to observe, recognise key employability skills and reward delegates with stickers. The students also judged and gave prizes for the best team showing creativity and enterprise skills.

Pam Oddy, Young Enterprise Area Manager, North East & Cumbria was at the conference and said; "Can I congratulate you and especially your students on providing an interesting and informative presentation on Tuesday! The students were great ambassadors for both Catcote Academy and Young Enterprise!

I can honestly say that your workshop was the most engaging session I attended all day!"



Rachel, Daniel, James and Hannah along with Mrs Brown and Mr Currell completed their day at Newcastle by visiting the Life Science Centre and then going to the fabulous ZaZa Bazaar to experience food from around the world.



Sir John Moore Award

Hannah Wood from Catcote Academy was awarded the Young Enterprise Sir John Moore Award for special achievement 2015. This is an award set up by Lady Grantchester and was presented at the Marriot Hotel at the Metro Centre on 9th June, for the difference enterprise has made to her confidence.

Hannah has worked as a Director of the company Busybugs for 2 years. Throughout that time she has taken an active part with her team of 10 students by taking part in competitions, trade fairs, powerpoint presentations, visits to businesses, writing a company report, selling products and marketing the products made.

Hannah has developed her entrepreneurial ability, resilience and literacy talents when taking a leading role in the company's new venture of a children's educational book called Alphabugs, which was published recently.



Mrs Brown link teacher said "I nominated Hannah for the Sir John Moore Award. I can see how Young Enterprise has allowed Hannah to "learn by doing" and develop key employability skills when setting up the company.

She has experienced, developed and mastered enterprise skills, which are skills for life. She has grasped all the opportunities Young Enterprise has offered, joined in and made friends with students from other schools at trade fairs and developed confidence to talk to adults, judges and customers.

Hannah has developed great ownership of the company Busybugs, and feels responsible for the products the company make, the business contacts and the practical experience of being a Director and running a business. Hannah's confidence and self esteem has grown which is having a positive impact on her life".

Fairachiever Award

Catcote Academy have now reached the status of being a 'Fairachiever' school. As a school we have embedded Fairtrade into our curriculum contributing to our social, moral, spiritual and cultural (SMSC) ethos over the past 10 years. Our dedication and passion to the culture of Fairtrade has been clearly recognised by the assessors who provided the following feedback, "It's clear that you have put a lot of effort into embedding Fairtrade into your curriculum. It's great that you have held assemblies and whole school events, and even included the wider community to promote the importance of Fairtrade. Well done for arranging a large tea party event which involved the local community as well as the school. It sounds like a fantastic affair! You have clearly covered one of the key learning objectives of examining where some of our favourite foods come from in the Global South and how it reaches us.

It's great to hear about your fundraising event during Fairtrade Fortnight. Working with the local Fairtrade Town group is also an excellent way to reach out to the local community and it sounds like you did this extremely successfully. It's lovely that you boosted community spirit, involving people of all ages and abilities, and raised money at the same time. How wonderful that it was in the local newspaper".

Barry Currell, International Schools Coordinator commented, "I'm delighted the work by students and staff has been recognised in this way. Our students have great knowledge of Fairtrade products and their countries of origin and it is great that their work has contributed to this amazing accolade".

Catcote started with an awareness of Fairtrade reaching the 'Fairaware' stage. We then became more active with the learning, involving more subjects and the community to reach the 'Fairactive' stage. We have been acknowledged by the Fairtrade foundation and are now available to support other schools in an ambassadorial role to help them on their Fairtrade journey.

The first school asking for support was Barnard Grove Primary School. Catcote have worked with Barnard Grove, delivering a Fairtrade enterprise challenge to all year 5 students. Barnard Grove are now keen to continue their Fairtrade journey within the school.

Alison Brown – Director of Specialism said, "after working with Fairtrade for the last 10 years, staff and students at Catcote Academy have now embedded Fairtrade in the curriculum and the whole school. My dream has come true for Catcote to be a Fairtrade school".

Our Fairachievers



Link 7 Blackpool Visit 2015

This term Link 7 went on an Educational visit to Blackpool, to put their developing life skills into practise. The students organised and raised the funds themselves to pay for a holiday of their choice.

They went for 3 nights, 4 days and stayed in The Norbreck Castle Hotel.



The students had their own rooms and had to plan their own activities as a group, deciding on timings, appropriate dress and money management.

The students took full advantage of the hotel's swimming pool, cinema, steam room and jacuzzi as well as the games room and evening entertainment.

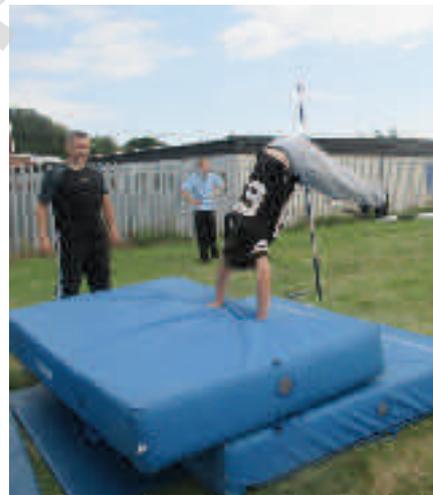


They visited the Blackpool Tower Eye, Madame Tussaud's and a new attraction called Luminasia which was excellent!



Sports Day

Sports Day at Catcote Academy is an important part of the school calendar designed for the students to have fun and enjoyment whilst keeping fit. Sports Day is aimed at continuing the Olympic legacy of 2012 with the morning based around the celebration and participation of team sports. The afternoon follows the traditional track and field events ranging from the discus, high jump and sprint races to more fun events such as the egg and spoon and water races. As a community school it is important we have the involvement and participation of the students and parents who love to come and watch their children enjoy themselves.



Stephen Foster said "As a P.E teacher, sport is an important part of my life and it is so enjoyable to watch these students and parents enjoy themselves doing a variety of different sports and giving their all"



Catcote Futures



We have been operating our Post 19 provision for the past 14 years, however, the growth in the number of students wishing to access learning with us forced us to find and relocate to new premises.

Hartlepool Borough Council kindly offered us the use of some semi-derelict buildings on the site of the old Brierton School, along with the caretakers bungalow and we took up their offer. Extensive refurbishment has taken place at a cost to the school of almost £300,000, and students are now enjoying a first class facility set in beautiful landscaped gardens.



Mrs. Ida Hodgman officially opened Catcote Futures, Hartlepool's Lifelong Learning Centre on Friday 19th June.

Next year we aim to extend our facility by transforming an unused section of the building to provide much needed space and offer more opportunities for Lifelong Learners over the age of 25.



If you would like to visit Catcote Futures please call reception on 01429 236561 and we will be happy to arrange a tour.

The Vestry Café



Employability and work skills, along with Preparation for Adult life are key elements in our Sixth Form and Post 19 curriculum. It is, however, becoming increasingly difficult to find quality work experience placements in the community for our students and so we made the decision to create our own.



We began trading in May this year and have been overwhelmed with the reception we have received, including amazing comments from the public praising the quality of the food, but most importantly, the excellent service provided by the students.



The 'Team'



As the café is open Tuesday to Saturday and over the school holidays we are able to pay students through a bursary grant for the shifts they work.

It is great to see our students demonstrating their skills and abilities in such a public arena; please support us by paying a visit if you are in town.

Have a great Summer from everyone at Catcote



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<p>CATCOTE ACADEMY HEAD: ALAN CHAPMAN RESOURCE HOME: FARM, HART VILLAGE HARTLEPOOL, TS27 5HW CLASSES AND EXTENSIONS TO LINDALE, THE EAST END OF THE COTE FROM 10.15 AM</p>	<p>BANK HOLIDAY</p> <p>SCHOOL HOLIDAY</p> <p>HOLIDAY</p>	<p>THE VESTRY CAFE LAND: 134-136 AND 137-139, FULFORD ROAD, HARTLEPOOL, TS28 7DD MANAGED AND RUN BY THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF CATCOTE ACADEMY COME AND ENJOY THE DELICIOUS DISHERS FROM THE CAFE OPEN: 10.15 AM - 10.15 AM (SCHOOL YEAR 1-10)</p>	
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