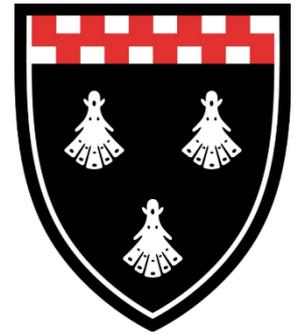




Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Year 5 and 6 prospective parents). In this newsletter, you can read about some fantastic achievements of students at Ponteland High School this term. From team teaching to literature competitions to country cricket to growing veg, Year 7 have certainly continued to enrich their learning this summer!

Don't forget that you can find a copy of this newsletter- and previous editions- on our school website: <https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/>. For regular updates on transition and our Y7 achievements and successes, follow us on twitter @Y7PontHigh. Finally, if you have any queries specific to KS2-3 transition, please contact us via our dedicated e-mail address: Year6questions@ponthigh.org.uk



National Reading Champions Quiz



In May, eight of our wonderful Year 7 bookworms pitted their wits against other local schools in the regional heats of the 'National Reading Champions Quiz'. Chloe, Kairon, Emily, Noah, Emily, Freya, Joseph and Anaya were supported by Ms Laws, the school librarian, as they took part in ten gruelling rounds of quizzes testing their literary knowledge. Despite all being avid readers, the two Ponteland teams were defeated. Undeterred, they are keen to take part again next year!

Our Sporting Legend

Katie in Year 7 is not only a diligent and conscientious student in class, she is also a hugely talented cricketer! Katie has been selected to participate in the Under-13s Northumberland Girls Cricket Matches. Katie says: "Once a week I play a county cricket match for Northumberland County Cricket Board U13 girls. We play two T20 matches in a day. Against Durham, Cumbria and Yorkshire, we have won four out of eight games. It's a great way to travel around to different places. So far, I have played two games in Northumberland, one game in Durham and one game in Cumbria. I have scored 115 runs in total over the six games I have played." What an amazing achievement!





Great Growing Your Own

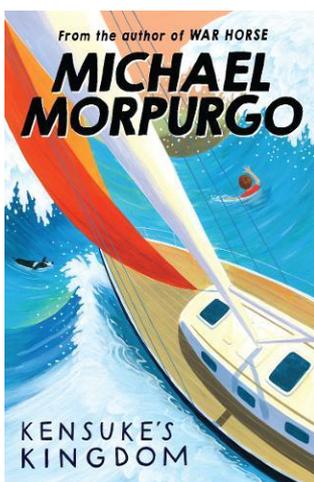


7NGA have been looking after the raised beds in the outdoor area. Mr Clayton, one of the Science teachers, helped to plant pumpkins, potatoes, courgettes, broccoli and perhaps most interesting of all, a luffa (sometimes spelt as 'loofah'; pictured right) and 7NGA have been diligently watering and weeding on a daily basis. Zac (pictured left) explained how he enjoys having the responsibility of coming out each afternoon during registration and tending to the plants. He says that 7NGA hope to have some vegetables to harvest and use in food technology lessons very soon!



Teacher Talent

Mr Bartlett, History teacher, was delighted when Ruby in his Year 7 class asked if she could take his lesson! Ruby explained to Mr Bartlett that she has a real interest in the Tudors, in particular Henry VIII and his six wives, and asked if she could share her knowledge with her history class. As well as preparing a fantastic, informative power point, Ruby stood at the front of the class and explained about Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleaves, Catherine Howard and Katherine Parr and how they all came to a gruesome end! From beheading to divorces...Ruby's peers were hanging on her every word and asked perceptive and intelligent questions at the end.



KS2-3 Recommended Read

Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpurgo

I disappeared on the night before my twelfth birthday.

Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone ...