

NDA NEWSLETTER



NCDAT SCHITSDRIFT SCHOOL PROJECT 2024

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Week 22



Supporting in the Classroom

With up to 60 students in a class ranging from 4 years old to 16, the addition of 33 volunteers made a huge difference to the learning that could take place over the time of our visit. NCDAT students not only supported teachers in the classrooms but often led lessons. These ranged from English to Music and everything in between. Moreover, the students fitted new whiteboards and setup a WiFi network that would support teaching even after we returned home. The care that NCDAT students showed for their African counterparts was heart warming and humbling; lifechanging on both sides!



Vegetable Garden Project

Students toiled in temperatures approaching 40°C turning an overgrown area of the school grounds into a productive vegetable garden, planting 280 spinach plants. This benefits the local children by providing a locally sourced and nutritionally rich addition to their diet. Spinach is packed with essential vitamins and minerals, including iron and calcium, crucial for growing bodies and cognitive development. The produce will contribute significantly to addressing nutritional deficiencies in the community, fostering a healthier and more resilient generation of students at Schitsdrift School.



Repairing School Desks Project

There were a number of desks that were broken. The students repaired these by sanding down and repainting the frames and then procuring new material for the desks tops. They cut these to size and then prepared them for finishing with three coats of varnish. The desks were destined to furnish the classrooms where up to 60 children are taught, often having to share desk space. These new desks will allow students that are preparing for their exams to be able to have their own space to work.



Revitalising the Jungle Gym

A lot of the students that attend Schitsdrift School don't have the opportunity of play at home and they really look forward to their playtime; in fact it is one of the factors that encourages the swelling numbers of students on roll at Schitsdrift. The Jungle Gym was in need of rejuvenation when we arrived. Firstly, to make it a little safer as it had a number of sharp nails and broken elements, and secondly to make it even more fun by fixing the swing.

The revitalised Jungle Gym proved hugely popular with the students at Schitsdrift School



The Battlefield of Spion Kop

The students visited the battlefield of Spion Kop this was a vital action during the second Boer War. On 24th January 1900, during the Second Boer War, in an area about the size of London's Trafalgar Square, the flat top of a South African mountain became the killing field for hundreds of infantrymen from three Lancashire regiments. The battle of Spion Kop was a disastrous British defeat. Winston Churchill, Louis Botha and Mahatma Gandhi were all present at the battle, and a stand at Liverpool's football stadium Anfield is named after it.



Nambiti Game Drive

Along with the projects there was a little time for rest and recuperation. The students were able to visit the Nambiti Game Reserve. Established in 2000, Nambiti was forged from a vision to create a Big 5 Game Reserve. After 17 years of careful restoration, and the restocking of native flora and fauna, the reserve is one the country's most exciting conservation initiatives today, with sustainable developments ensuring that the livelihood of its local people remains intact, Nambiti has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 4 of the big five were seen by students on the trip.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**[®]

7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day

Students can dress up for World Book Day next week on Thursday 7th March!

There are 3X £20 Just Eat Vouchers for Best Dressed Students.

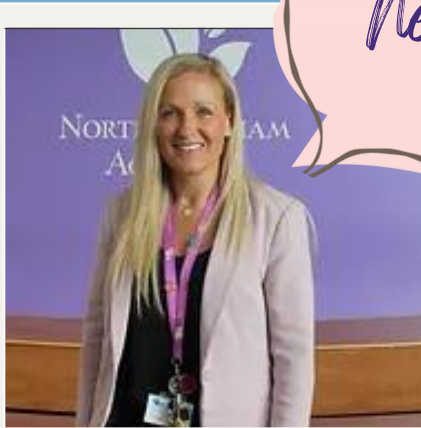
We can't wait to see all the outfits!!

THE DEBATING CLUB

The Debating Club visited the Houses of Parliament and had the opportunity to watch a debate in the House of Commons, have a tour of the building and take in its rich history and, finally, participate in their own debate following the same rules as the House of Commons and the House of Lords. A fantastic day had by all!



Need someone
to talk to?



Mrs Menear
DSL

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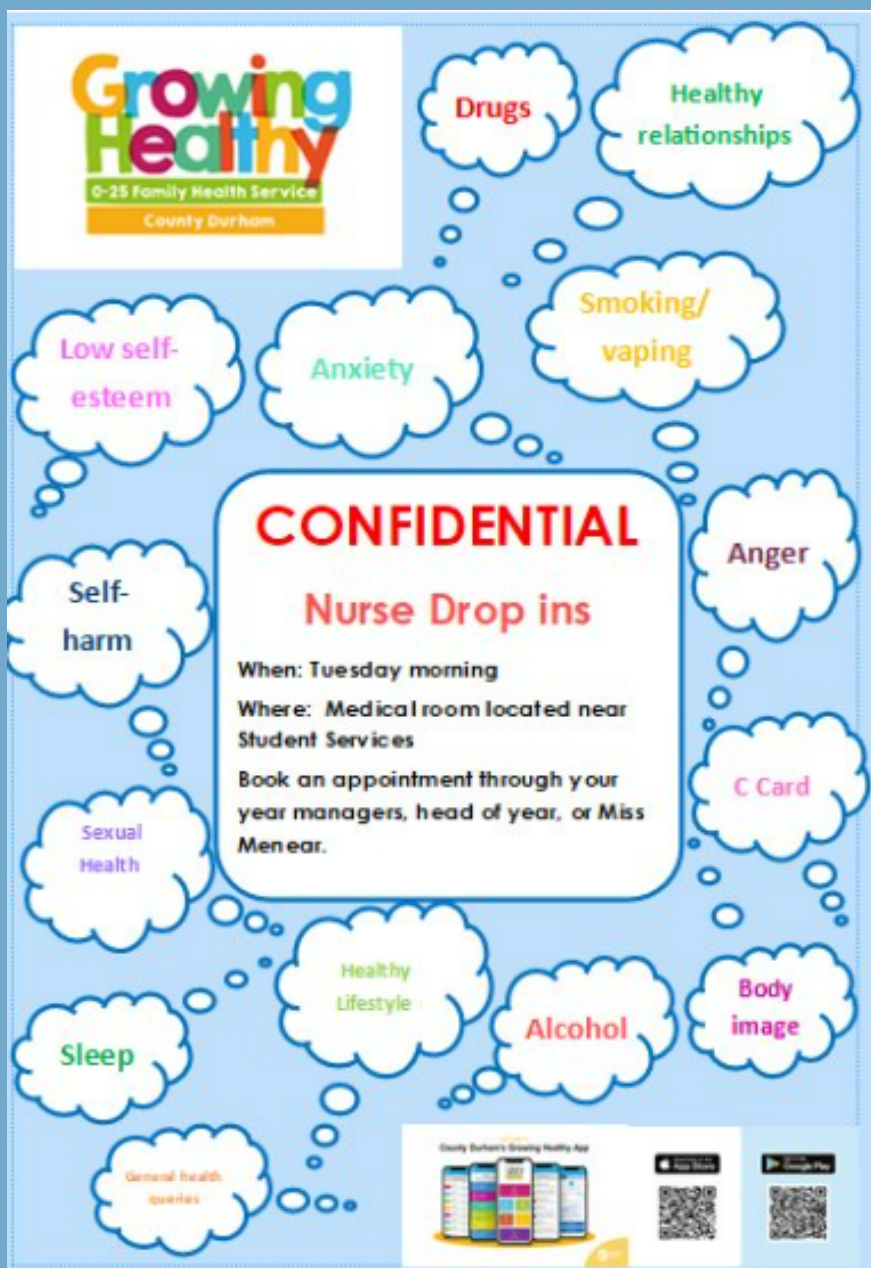
The school nursing team have now seen over 60 students here at North Durham Academy. We are thrilled to have such an important service back in school to support our young people. The team cover all areas of health, as you can see on the poster and even more... Parents/carers and students can easily book appointments for the Tuesday drop in.

STUDENTS CAN...

- * Go to Mrs Roberts at student services
- * Ask a member of teaching staff
- * Go to your head of year for an appointment

PARENTS/CARERS CAN..

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