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Interview with Mrs Hamilton

There have been some changes to the staffing and staff structure here at Corbridge Middle School. This includes the appointment of Mrs Hamilton to the position of Assistant Head Teacher. I asked Mrs Hamilton some questions about her new job which she took up in September.

Where did you work before Corbridge Middle School?

Mrs Hamilton told me that she worked at Gosforth Central Middle School and then before that she worked here at Corbridge Middle School.

How long have you worked at Corbridge Middle School ?

So far Mrs Hamilton has worked a total of five and a half years at Corbridge Middle School. She worked here for three years before she worked at Gosforth Central Middle School and then came back to us



and has now been here for two and a half years.

Why did you want to be Assistant Head?

Mrs Hamilton has been Head of English for a very long time and enjoyed leading KS2 on temporary basis last year. Cont...

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of Corbridge Middle School**

How did you feel when you got the job of Assistant Head?

Mrs Hamilton was thrilled and very, very excited to be working with all the staff and pupils!

What do you love about Corbridge Middle School?

"That's an easy question, the pupils!"

What would you change about Corbridge Middle School?

I am glad to say that Mrs Hamilton claimed that there is absolutely nothing!

Jessica B

What's in your pencil case?

Please, please take note of this:

Remember your stationery! Teachers lose so many pens, pencils and rubbers from you.



Stationery Checklist:

- Pen x2 (spare one)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Green pen
- Coloured pencils

Year 5 interviews

What is your favourite subject?

Max R 5H - English

Imogen W 5M - DT

Sophie U 5M - DT

Ella H 5M - Art



What school trip are you looking forward to?

Max R 5H - Voss

Imogen W 5M - Voss

Sophie U 5M - Voss

Ella H 5M - London



What is the best part of middle school?

Max R 5H - Going to different classes

Imogen W 5M - Different teachers

Sophie U 5M - Different classes

Ella H 5M - More education

Cookery Corner

Shortbread biscuits

Ingredients:

- 125g/4oz butter
- 55g/2oz caster sugar
- 180g/6oz plain flour
- Demerara sugar

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 190 C.
2. Put the margarine and caster sugar into a bowl and cream.
3. Add flour and ground rice, mix with wooden spoon.
4. Use clean hands; knead well to bring the mixture together.
5. Roll into a thick sausage.
6. Roll into Demerara sugar.
7. Cut into 15 slices (equal thickness)
8. Place on lined baking tray.
9. Bake for 15mins or until golden brown.
10. Using a palette knife place on a cooling rack to cool.



Science Club

Science club is held by Doctor Batchelder in the lab, Wednesday 12:20 for KS2.



Over the past couple of weeks we have been busy making fireworks, bouncy

balls, gummy worms, fart pots and many others things.

We asked some of the helpers why they like taking part.

May—"It's fun to help out and I enjoy doing new experiments!"
Katie—"Helping out is great fun. I learn new experiments each week!"

We interviewed Doctor Batchelder - Why did you choose to start Mad Science?

"I wanted some of KS2 to get their hands dirty with proper experiments".

What has been your favourite experiment so far?

"I really enjoyed making fart pots with slime, the longest wriggly worm competition and making fireworks!"

How many pupils have attended the club?

"25 pupils."

Interviews with new teachers

At Corbridge Middle School we have four new teachers: Mr McKee, Mr Swinney, Mrs Stanley and Miss Maury.



Mr McKee:

Q. Why did you pick this school?

A. Corbridge Middle School is amazing and the staff and pupils are very friendly.

Q. What do you like about this school?

A. Pupils and staff.

Q. What are your favourite subjects?

A. Maths, P.E, Science.

Q. What do you think about our surroundings?

A. The environment is very beautiful.

Q. Why did you choose teaching as a career?

A. I started as a Teaching Assistant as I love working with children.

Q. What were you like in school?

A. I used to chat a lot in class.

Q. What is your least favourite lesson?

A. Music.

Q. What hobbies do you have?

A. I enjoy Football and watching films.

Mr Swinney:

Q. Why did you pick this school?

A. I had heard so much about the school and took the opportunity.

Q. What is your favourite thing about this school?

A. How friendly people are.

Q. What is your favourite subject?

A. Mathematics.

Q. What do you think of the surrounding area?

A. Lovely fields, gardens and trees.

Q. Why did you become interested in teaching?

A. To help children succeed.



Q. What were you like in school?

A. I liked to play sports.

Q. What is your least favourite subject?

A. Geography.

Q. What hobbies do you have?

A. Rugby, fly fishing and keeping tropical fish.



Mrs Stanley

Q. Why did you apply for the job?

A. I live quite close and I had heard about this school and how brilliant it

was. Corbridge is a lovely place and I came to look around. I loved it so much so I applied for the job.

Q. What is your favourite thing about this job?

A. My favourite thing about this job is: working with young people because they have lots of interesting things to say and are full of ideas. Also the people I work with are amazing.

Q. Did you have a different job before this, if so what was it?

A. I was a teacher at Ashington (on the Northumberland coast, north of Blyth) and I have been teaching for ten years.

Q. What was your favourite subject at school as a child?

A. My favourite subject was English, followed by Drama, French and Geography.

Q. Where did you grow up and what was it like?

A. I grew up in Yorkshire, in a small town about the same size as Corbridge but very different, it's called Market Weighton.

Q. Do you have any pets?

A. I have a black and white cat called Milo.

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. I like craft. I make jewellery, I knit, I crochet (she made the scarf and necklace she is wearing in the picture), I do embroidery.

Q. Could you tell us something about yourself that we wouldn't already know?

A. I'm a vegetarian and I have a little boy.

Q. If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?

A. I would be nosy. I would go into all the big posh houses and have a poke around.

Q. What is your most embarrassing moment in your teaching career?

A. I was doing my teacher training and while I was plugging something in I cut my finger, I had to teach the rest of the lesson with blood dripping down my hand.

Miss Maury

Q. Why did you apply for the job?

A. I heard that this was a great school; I came for a look around and applied for the job.

Cont...

Q. What is your favourite thing about this job?

A. I love working with children because they are amazing and the staff I work with are lovely. It's a really nice atmosphere.



Q. Did you have a different job before this, if so what was it?

A. I was a teacher at the Royal Grammar School in Newcastle.

Q. What was your favourite subject at school as a child?

A. Science.

Q. Where did you grow up and what was it like?

A. I grew up in France. It was very nice and it had hot summers!

Q. Do you have any pets?

A. I had a fish when I was nine which was called Cloche (Bell in English)

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. I like embroidery, I decorate towels and I like gardening but most of my spare time is taken up with planning my wedding, I'm getting married next year.

Q. Could you tell us something about yourself that we wouldn't already know?

A. I love hedgehogs. I have a mascot

for my class. It's a hedgehog called Harry.

Q. If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?

A. I would walk around the school and see what the children do when the teachers aren't looking.

Q. What is your most embarrassing moment in your teaching career?

A. I was doing my teacher training and I was getting the Year One pupils ready for P.E. We were doing it inside so I told them to have naked feet. They all sniggered and one of them told me that here in England they say bare feet, not naked feet. I was a teacher being corrected by a Year one pupil.

Puzzle Palace Answers

Song - was from Taylor Swift and style

Anagram - Answers

Music

Food technology

Maths

French

Humanities

Riddle answers

Curse followed again

Only half way cause then he's

running out of it

A stamp

A stapler

A coat of paint

Movie review

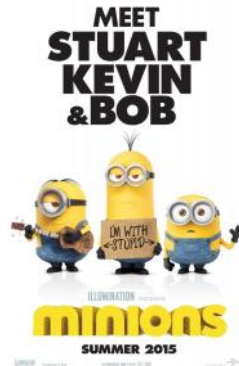
PIXELS is a brilliant movie full of action comedy and a lot of flashing images. This movie is based on 11 year old Sam Brenner (Adam Sandler) and his gaming friends who head to an arcade to test their gaming skills. Sam starts seeing patterns and sequences of movement in the games Packman, Centipede and Donkey Kong and this helps him become successful. At this moment, everyone gathers round to support him to enter a worldwide competition! The main plot of the movie is really about a video (of the competition) being sent to space as a sign of peace.

However, 20 years later, aliens pick it up and think it's actually a threat! They then send real



life videogames to attack our planet; no one knows what to do so champion Sam Brenner tries to save the world (as he knows these games like the back of his hand.) The reason I rate the movie highly is because it

has everything a good movie should have. Comedy rating: 3/10 action rating 6:/10 I would rate this a good 9.5/10



THE MINIONS is an average movie that is full of comedy with a background narrator. It basically tells the story of

the Minions life from DNA to a small fish on to dinosaur - all the way to present day. Apart from that, the plot is about how the Minions need a boss. Leaving his friends all alone in a big ice cave, Kevin tries to save the day by going on an adventure to save them and find a new boss.

COMING OUT IN 2016 BATMAN VS SUPERMAN

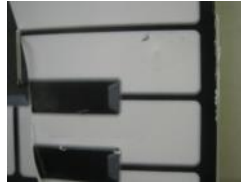
The people of the world are trying to decide which hero they need. So to settle the corruption they find out in the fight between Batman and Superman. Batman holds kryptonite armour - Superman's weakness. Who will win?

Guess the picture

You have to guess what the picture is and where it is – some are taken inside school, some out of the building Write your answer under the picture.



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French word search

y	x	v	g	r	e	e	n	h	z	e	t
e	u	e	f	a	c	s	e	l	f	h	m
l	m	s	i	j	o	p	f	s	r	s	k
l	v	e	v	t	r	e	d	e	n	n	w
o	y	v	e	o	p	m	e	c	i	z	h
w	e	e	i	g	h	t	j	p	c	n	i
o	r	n	e	g	w	m	i	o	b	i	t
r	g	p	d	n	w	o	r	b	z	n	e
a	w	z	t	w	o	r	e	z	b	e	u
n	k	s	c	a	f	h	l	i	l	u	k
g	t	e	n	y	e	c	s	f	u	k	h
e	p	s	d	f	g	i	f	g	e	i	f

Can you translate the words into English to find them in the grid?

zero	sept	baune
un	huit	orange
deux	neuf	vert
trois	dix	blanc
quatre	rouge	gris
cinq	rose	marron
six	bleu	

By Abi C and Abi M

Puzzle Palace

Guess the song

Which song are these lyrics from?

“When we go crashing down we come back every time”.

Anagrams

Can you work out these anagrams of different subjects?

icmsu

tholfooecnod

hsmta

Frcehn

shmanteiui

Riddles

See if you can work them out

- 1.) What did the tin man say when he got run over by a steam roller?
- 2.) How far can a fox run into a grove?
- 3.) I travel all over the world but stay in one corner what am I?
- 4.) With pointed fangs I sit and wait, with piercing force I crunch out fate grabbing victims and physically joining with a single bite. What am I?
- 5.) What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?

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Mrs Kidd FIFA 16

This is Mrs Kidd our F.S. (Food Science) teacher.



I interviewed her for our article and asked the questions below. She is a kind responsible teacher who teaches us all sorts.

What is your favourite treat?

Cheese cake

What is your favourite meal?

Pasta

What are your favourite fruit and vegetables?

Mangos and broccoli

Most unhealthy thing you ever had?

Chocolate cake

What is in your fridge?

Chicken, salmon, veg, orange juice, Easter rabbit, yogurt, olives, cheese milk, margarine, butter.

FIFA 16 is the game including better graphics realistic movement original in game physics.



For the first time women have been introduced into the game, which is a revolution in video game history. It is a lot sharper and is much more responsive to the controller movements.

Like most new video games it got a lot of reviews and was given 3/5 by Eurogamer, 7/10 by trusted reviews and 8/10 by Push Square. Trusted review said it had stronger defence play than last year, better career modes, draft mode makes ultimate team more access able and a brilliant in game atmosphere.

The Great School Sprint

On Friday 12th September 2015, nine Year 7 pupils were selected to represent Corbridge Middle School in the great school sprint in Gateshead and two people from our school got into the televised finals.

When we arrived on the track (which was opposite the Sage), everyone was led onto the track and the girls and the boys both did a fun and effective warm up, led by professional athletes. Then the races began. Lizzie S, Angus B, Kara G. and Alexander W. were the only people from our school to make it through the electronically timed heats and everyone else ate their lunch and talked to athletic champions during the break. After the break, the semi-finals began but only Kara G. and Angus B. made it through to the finals.

Before the finals , Olympic,



European ,world and commonwealth gold medallist track and field long

jumper Greg Rutherford appeared and all the children got to ask him questions; he even gave us advice whilst we were standing on the start line. Furthermore, he was the one who fired the start gun.

Everyone got a medal and, because



they made it through to the televised finals, Kara and Angus had lots of forms to fill in.

The following day, after lots of waiting (and meeting more sports personalities like Paula Radcliffe), we quickly warmed up and walked out onto the track. Joy Eze won the girls race (her best time is 13.3) and Daniel Lennie won out of the boys and four-time olympian, European championship gold medallist Jo Pavey awarded them both with trophies. Unfortunately, Angus and Kara didn't make it to the national finals but they still did well and it was a great experience.

By Kara G

Guy Opperman Q & A

On Friday the 25th September, all of the class representatives were given the fantastic opportunity to have a Q&A session with Guy Opperman, our local MP.

We were told in advance to think of questions to ask him and he did a great job of answering them and educating us on what life as a politician is like, how he got into politics, managing a busy schedule, the migrant crisis, school funding and so much more...

I managed to write down a little bit of what he said so here are some parts of the interview...

Q: What advice would you give to someone who wants to be a politician?

A: I would say my biggest piece of advice is to get as much life experience as you can so you can have a wider field and try to be as good a representative for your people as you can.

Q: Why do you want Britain to leave the EU?

A: I don't. There is a very strong view amongst a large amount of the population who want a vote on this. I think it should be the people's choice and not my choice. The decision is simply this: would it benefit Britain to stay in the EU?

Q: How hard is it to be an MP?

A: It's not hard to become an MP but it is hard to go about it with dignity and represent your people as well as you can.



Q: What are you doing about climate change?

A: Do any of you know what's happening in Paris in December? There is a summit in Paris in December. They are attempting to decide what all the countries in the world are going to do going forward. Basically, everyone is going to sit around a table in Paris and have a conversation about it and try to come to an agreement.

Q: What are you going to do about the migrant crisis?

A: Ok, good question. There are

three decisions to make. Last year, I went to Syria and I met lots of nine to thirteen year olds and I helped teach them for five days. Most of them wanted only to get an education, to go home to Syria and to be a doctor or a builder. We can offer aid by sending blankets, supplies, clothes... to help the refugees have a reasonable quality of life. We have given 1 billion pounds worth of aid. That is a lot of money. Secondly, we decide what to do in terms of migrants and there is no perfect answer. I have great sympathy for refugees. I am the living proof that immigrants can succeed in Britain. In this country it doesn't matter who you are, what your name is, where you're from, what you look like, you **can** succeed. Any one of you can be prime minister.

Q: What do you do if your personal opinion is different to your party's opinion?

A: If you remember nothing from today remember this phrase: there is no I in team. You all have different opinions and you might not always agree with your team but you have to stick together. Do I agree with everything David Cameron does? Of course not. But sometimes you have to put your team's needs before your own.

Overall, speaking with Guy Opperman was a great experience and I can say on behalf of everyone that I learnt a lot from it.

By Kara G

New Windows

As you all may have noticed, scaffolding has been placed around the school. This is because a specialised company named 'Datim Building contractors Ltd' have been replacing our windows. The first room to be transformed has been the music mobile which looks much better with clean, new windows. The builders are now working on Room 5 and Room 4 which will look very nice after the finished work.

We interviewed Mrs Kennedy and asked her some questions:

Q.) Why exactly did you want this project go ahead and do you trust the builders with such an important job?

A.) Our windows are very old and drafty. They also let heat out and in which makes it very cold in the winter and hot in the summer. The windows give the school a better look. Also they are very energy efficient and eco- friendly. And yes, I definitely trust the builders. We have an excellent site manager.

Q.) Exactly how long will it take to finish this project?

A.) Approximately 14 weeks, but it is very weather dependent as we are so close to winter.

Castle Project

The Year 7 pupils have been very busy doing their castle project. This is an extended homework task which involves an information sheet or a model of any English Castle.

We asked Year 6 pupils which castle they thought was the best. The results were:

1st place: Lloyd S.- Corfe castle.

What went well?

"The papier maché worked well and it didn't collapse."

What would you change?

"I would make it bigger."

Are you happy with it?

"Yes"

2nd place: Alexander W. -Norham Castle.

What went well?

"The paint and the tree."

What would you change?

"The detail of the building."

3rd place Aidan W. -Bamburgh Castle

What went well

"It was small but detailed."

What would you change?

"I would use better information sources."

Are you happy with it?

"Yes."

4th place Mia R- Bamburgh Castle

What went well?

"It was creative"

What would you change?

"Do it not as long."

Are you happy with it?

"mmmmm yes."

Overall everyone's castle was amazing and everyone did very well and worked very hard. Thanks to the year 6s who voted.



Christmas Presents

We asked the teachers what they would like for Christmas. Can you match up the pictures with the names of the teachers?

Tee-pee



Tablet



Running jacket



Wellies



Lipstick



Ring



Trainers



Watch



C.D.



Mrs Liddle

Mrs Rickets

Mrs Parkinson

Mr Johnston

Mrs Hamilton

Mrs Volpe

Mrs Gardener

Mrs Kennedy

Dr Batchelder

Sports Results

Table tennis

In October, Corbridge Middle School students took part in a table tennis tournament that took place at Cramlington Learning Village.

A large number of children attended the try-outs for the tournament but not everyone got through. Year 6 and 7 students attended the tournament. Year 8 pupils would have entered but they were on a school trip. Surprisingly, no other schools entered the competition so CMS had to play against each other. A small group from Year 6 were entered, and a big group from Year 7. For the tournament, the girls were split into 2 groups and these 2 groups played against each other. For the Year 7 boys, there were 2 groups (these also played against each other) Every single competitor was awarded with a medal, the winning groups getting a gold medal each, the runners up getting a silver or bronze each. My team were runners up, winning silver medals. Everyone did really well and played in a sporting manner.

Indoor athletics

We had a great KS2 and KS3 team.

KS2's competition took place in the morning. They finished 3rd, a very pleasing score

KS3's competition took place in the afternoon. It was a great performance from everyone who took part.

This competition took place at Wentworth leisure centre.

Boy's rugby

The boy's rugby was a great turnout and everyone was great in the tournament at Bullocksteads.

This competition was for KS3 boys.

Girl's rugby

The girls contact rugby competition took place in late September at Tyndale rugby club.

The scores were good and it was a great opportunity for all involved.

There was also a touch competition and all of girls from KS3 came. However, there were only high schools there. Considering our age and ability, we did very well.