



NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME SCHOOL

HEADMASTER'S REPORT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

MARCH 2016

Senior School

ESU Shakespeare Competition

Isabella Dobson attended the ESU Regional Finals, narrowly missing out on a place in the ESU National Finals. Isabella's rendition of Emilia from Othello received glowing comments from both her teachers and the judges.

National Photographic Competition for Schools

Ellie Huxley's image for ESRC's 'Focus on Society' was commended by the panel and was displayed in the 'Focus on Society' photographic exhibition at the Espacio Gallery in London in March 2016.

Show Jumping

Bobbie Heath qualified for the European Show Jumping Competition.

Cross Country

Ben Meir was selected to represent Staffordshire Schools in the All England Schools Cross Country Championships at Wollaton Park in Nottingham on 5th March.

NULS were crowned Overall Champions in Cross Country at Newcastle District Championships: Girls: U16s 3rd, U14s 1st, U12s 1st - overall 1st and Boys: U16s 2nd, U14s 3rd, U12s 5th - overall 2nd

Badminton

In the Newcastle District Championships the U16 Girls were runners up and the U14 Boys were winners progressing to the Midlands Rounds.

Swimming

Warwick 100's.

On Thursday 4 February 2016, swimmers in Years 7 to 13 at the Warwick 100's secured 3rd place overall, with individual places being awarded to:

Lauranne Finney, first in the U16's 100m Butterfly

Becky Chadwick, first (swimming out of age) in the U18's 100m Butterfly

Amelia Lowndes, narrowly missing Gold in U14's 100m freestyle

Megan Rhodes, narrowly missing Gold in the U18's 100m freestyle

On Tuesday 9 February 2016, Swimmers in Years 7 – 11 represented the School at the Newcastle under Lyme Schools' Swimming Gala. We dominated the Gala, winning every age group, a feat which has not been achieved since 2008.

John Parry Relays.

We attended the John Parry Relays in Bradford. The teams consisted of: Under 15 Girls: Emily Burke, Meg Woods, Holly Nixon, Amelia Lowndes, Hollie Franks; Under 15 Boys: George Sketcher, Jensen Bose, Tom King and Louis Vincent; Under 18 Girls: Ruby Bailey, Megan Rhodes, Ellie Pomisnkowski, Becky Chadwick and Lauranne Finney; Under 18's boys Ben Meir, Tim Bramall, Daniel Furnival, Alex Mitchell.

The Under 15's girls swam well. They came first in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay B Final and then sixth in the A Final for the 4x50 medley. This was a young team which consisted mainly of Year 7 and 8 swimmers and they all performed well gaining personal best times in their leg of the relays. The Under 15 boys' team again had a good day coming 3rd in the 4x50 medley relay and narrowly missing out on gold by 1/100th of a second to Nottingham High.

The Under 18 girls' team produced some personal best times in their leg of the relays and made both A finals. They came 5th in both the 4x50 Freestyle and Medley. The Under 18's boys also performed well with several personal best times. They also made both A Finals coming 4th/5th in both the 4x50m Medley and Freestyle relays.

Warwick 50's.

On Thursday 26th November swimmers from Year 7 and 8 took part in the Warwick 50's gala at Warwick School. The Under 12 team included: Emily Burke, Raphi Sheldon, Izzy Miller, Charlie Coburn and Nikita De Silva, Josh Knee, Josh Bailey, Duncan MacDonald, Gabriel Hughes and Jonathan Lane. The Under 13's team included: Meg Woods, Grace Wardle, Holly Nixon, Rachel Gunning, Amelia Lowndes, Jack Finney, Charlie Hossack, Archie Gallimore, Will Rhodes and Ethan Jones.

Almost all swimmers gained personal best times in either their individual or relay leg, many swimmers taking up to 6 seconds off their PB's. The under 13's Boys Individual Medley was a very exciting race with Jack Finney narrowly missing out on gold.

Amelia Lowndes and Jonathan Lane both had a great swim in the under 13's and under 12's 50 Free to take the silver and recorded PB's. Charlie Hossack also took the Silver in the 50m Backstroke. The under 12's Freestyle relay performed well to also take the Silver.

European Day of Languages Poster Competition

Edward Sharpe in Year 9, was awarded the overall prize in the European Day of Languages Poster Competition. Edward's poster was picked out over 500 entries received for the West Midlands Region.

Holocaust

In memorial of the Holocaust, Evie Leigh met a Holocaust Survivor. Her written account of the meeting has since been published in both the Jewish Chronicle and the Jewish Telegraph national newspapers.

British Biology Olympiad

In the British Biology Olympiad 2016 in which 7200 sixth form students in Britain took part, with 6.6% winning a gold medal, Newcastle-under-Lyme School Biologists from the Upper 6th achieved the following results:

Robert Beckett:	Gold medal.
Anmol Arora:	Silver medal.
Dan Hashmi:	Commended certificate
Emma Shepherd:	Commended certificate

Senior Maths Challenge

Senior Maths Challenge results, saw Newcastle-under-Lyme School achieve: 3 Gold, 13 silver and 15 bronze. Three pupils qualified for the next level the Kangaroo.

Girls' Hockey

Both the U13's and U12's now hold the title of County Champions.

The following girls have gained a place in Staffordshire County hockey team this year:

Year 8: Holly Nixon, Zara Jones

Year 9: Alicia Walker, Victoria Roberts, Hannah Bates and Amy Elson-Evans

Year 10: Georgia Binnington, Isabella Porter and Lauren Keates

Year 12: Abigail Binnington

Rugby

In the U18 Staffordshire Cup Quarter Final against Newcastle College. The School won on away points (10-10). The School played some outstanding rugby and defended superbly. Oliver Wain

scored the equalising and winning try.

On Thursday 25th February, the U15 played Blessed William Howard School, winning the County Cup Quarter Final. The final score was an impressive 61-0

Newcastle Festival Speech and Drama

A number of pupils individually entered the Newcastle Festival and the class and trophy winners were:-

Verse Composition 18 + over - Anum Anwer and Verse Composition Open - Anum Anwer

Elizabethan/Jacobean solo drama 16 + over - Sandhya Narayanan

Solo drama 11 + 12 years - Daniel Sidhom

First and second class certificates were also won by Yash Belgamwar, Anish Koramarthi, Anfaal Khan, Harini Ratnayake and Zaghham Farhan.

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Junior School

Table Tennis

Three Junior School teams entered the Junior School Table Tennis Tournament on the 20th January 2016, walking away with first, second and third position.

U11 Netball

Newcastle under Lyme School U11 Netball Team gained the title of County Champions.

Sportshall Athletics (Year 5 and 6)

Years 5 and 6 gained a record haul of 10 medals in the Sports hall Athletics:

Gold medals:

Yr 5, 3 Laps - Jack Bates

Yr 6, Balance - Priya Cleary

Silver medal:

Yr 6, Chest push - Laura Gunning

Bronze medals:

Yr 5, Chest push - Grace Lewis

Yr 5, Javelin - Jack Bates

Yr 6, Speed bounce - Jacob Maddock (who won 2)

Yr 6, Obstacle relay - Jacob Maddock, Benjamin Jackson, James Lant and Oliver Thompson.

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Set Verse Speaking 7yrs - Samuel Rees. Own choice Verse Speaking 7yrs - Frank Webb-Johnson

Set Verse Speaking 11+12yrs - Maya Uppal.

Set Verse Speaking 8yrs - Harry Bailey. Own choice Verse Speaking 8yrs - Manvitha Mummaneni

Set Verse Speaking 9yrs - Elizabeth Daily-Hunt

Joint winners of Own Choice Verse Speaking 9yrs - Amelia Whitehouse and Elizabeth Daily-Hunt

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