



# NEWSLETTER



## School News

ESKDALE SCHOOL

### Fish and Ships Festival

On Sunday afternoon in late May Whitby Music Centre put forward their two senior bands: Esk Valley Concert Band and the Whitby Jazz Collective to play at the Fish and Ships Festival in Whitby.

The Esk Valley Concert Band is a wind band comprising woodwind, brass and percussion with bass guitar. A number of past and present pupils from Eskdale and Caedmon are part of this group as well as music teacher Mrs Edmondson-Preedy. They rehearse every Saturday morning from 9:30am at the Sixth Form conducted by the amazing Bob Butterfield.

They performed a challenging repertoire including 'Happy', 'Let It Go' from Frozen, A medley from the musical hit 'Lion King', the theme from Star Wars and Indiana Jones by film composer John Williams, the theme tune from The Simpsons, a medley from the film 'Titanic' by James Horner and a latin piece called 'Maleguena' which is a very exciting piece with lots of tempo changes.

Having attracted a huge, and very appreciative, audience to the bandstand opposite the Whitby Yacht Club the EVCB morphed into the Whitby Jazz Collective. This is made up of past and present pupils from Caedmon and Eskdale as well as teachers (Mrs Edmondson-Preedy, guitar teachers, brass teachers) parents and other members of the community. They played some traditional jazz standards as well as some arrangements written by members of the band - an Opus no 1 by Dan who is now studying A level music at Sixth Form and a fabulous arrangement of the Beatles' Eleanor Rigby by Tony Cross. Both these performances were World Premiers!

