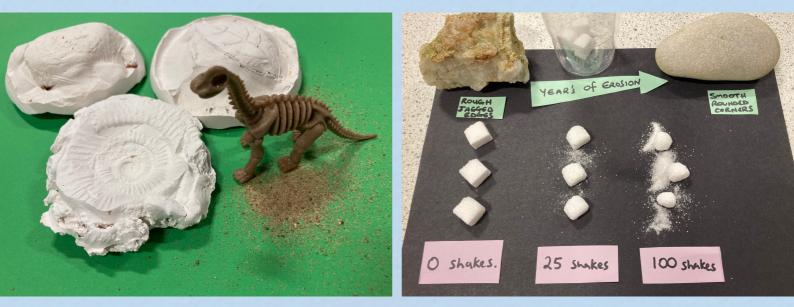




We'll start this week's newsletter with an update on the thrilling football match last Friday. The UI5 girls played a strong and skillful match against Appleby School from Carlisle, scoring a number of goals. They progress to round 3 of the national competition where they will play Newcastle Grammar School. Congratulations to the girls and team manager, Mr Dodd. In other PE news, on Thursday the 23rd of March the Consett Academy Year 7 boys football team played superbly (especially in the second half) against Oxclose School. It was a brilliant team performance with some standout individual performances from Zach S, Georgie E, Jack B and Matthew C. Very positive signs for the future for this squad! We have also had a local charity FFG Foundation, working with our students and providing workshops in PE to introduce a new noncombat sport called TAG Combat. Students have been learning skills around TAG Combat such as stance, guard, defence and safe practice. It has proved very popular with the students, and we hope to continue working with the charity in the future. GCSE PE students in Year 11 have visited Sunderland Climbing wall this week to film their video evidence of their climbing skills. This forms part of their practical portfolio for the exam board moderator. Finally, Congratulations to our year 9 and 10 girls who were runners up in Durham Lady Taverners Finals Day at The Beacon of Light.



We are continuing to offer transition activities: this week, 74 pupils at Pelton Primary school benefited from a STEM workshop, providing inspirational hands-on activities to develop teamwork and enhance their learning within the Rocks & Fossils topic. Students became acting Geoscientists, studying pieces of sandstone and granite to understand how the appearance and feel of different types of rock found in our Earth's crust varies. They then carried out a 'sugar cube shake' experiment to model the physical erosion experienced by real rocks, to understand how pebbles become round. After 100 shakes they were able to observe that the sharp corners of sugar cubes had been eroded away to create smaller more rounded shapes and plenty of sugar dust, otherwise known as sediment. Finally, the pupils gained an insight into Paleontology; conducting a Dino Dig in pretend sedimentary rock to identify different dinosaur skeletons and make their own fossils. One very busy afternoon in the Geoscience Lab!



Next week is cancer awareness week, as part of raising awareness students can make a donation and receive a yellow ribbon to support Childhood Cancer. Ribbons will be available before school, break times and lunch times.



CONSE

On Tuesday, we are hosting a revision event for our Year 11 students and their parent/scarers. The event starts at 5.00 and includes advice on revision as well as workshops to support students and their parents/carers in the lead up to final GCSE exams. A fish supper will be served!

AND





Revision ideas and workshops with a tasty portion of fish and tips!

Parents/Carers and students are invited to attend



Well done to our Year 13 students who are in the middle of their mock exams. We are really proud of the way that they have started their exams and wish them luck next week as they continue with these.

Finally, a reminder that the Perfect 10 attendance competition is half-way through, students that we're in 5 days last week and next week will be entered for a prize draw with the chance to win some fantastic prizes.

