



## Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Here is our slightly shorter newsletter for this fortnight.

We hope that you all kept safe in the wind. Although we have been spared the worst, it has still been quite dramatic. As a result, we have not taken part in the **RSPB's Big Schools Birdwatch** and so have sent you the identification chart home with this newsletter.

### Football success

This week, children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the cluster football tournament. The Year 3 team worked incredibly hard as a team and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Meanwhile, the Year 4 team made it all the way to the final, despite some nail-biting moments! After a very tight first-half, Leyburn managed to break through and score the only goal of the game, making us the cluster champions! Well done to all of the children who took part - you were a true credit to us all.



### Special visitors in EYFS

Our youngest children had an exciting morning this week.



They are finding out about people in our community who help us and look who called in to visit them! We now have a lot of budding police officers in our midst. There will be some more visitors next week...

### Keeping safe and ...

Outside school can be very busy at drop off and collection times. Please remind your child/ren about keeping safe near roads and, if driving, please be extra careful when driving past the school. Thank you.

### ...keeping healthy!

Please see below this wonderful opportunity for your children.

Leyburn Community Leisure Club

## SQUASH JUNIORS

Games | Group Coaching | Exercise

- First Sunday of every month
- Club open 3.15pm-4.45pm
- Ages 6+ | Equipment provided
- Parental supervision required
- Clean non-marking shoes only

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## Hobbies

*"A hobby a day keeps the doldrums away."* – Phyllis McGinley

A lot of children have interests and hobbies outside school and we always love hearing about their achievements. We would like to support all children to try something new and so have a display of books to encourage this. Everyone loves looking at recipe books (whether we actually get so far as to make the dishes is another matter...) so, if you have any spare, please bring them into school.



## OPAL

The main focus this week has been learning to keep our wellies tidy and avoid mud on the carpets. We are sure that you'll all agree that this is an important lesson!



Mrs Such has also brought in some lovely small world resources. We're waiting for the wind to die down and then we'll take them outside. Please bear us in mind before you throw anything away as we'll generally have it!



## Dates for your diary

**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Little City visits Early Years (see below)



**11<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 visit to Kirkwood Hall

**12<sup>th</sup> February** - Rescue Me Recycling Game in KS2

Darwin Day – Humanist assembly

**14<sup>th</sup> February** – Break up for half term

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – **STAFF TRAINING DAY**

**25<sup>th</sup> February** – Spring term 2 begins

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – **4<sup>th</sup> March** – Scholastic Book fair

**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February** Year 6 trip to Edinburgh