



Newsletter Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have almost reached the end of the spring term which, although has been quite short, has been extremely busy. We have had quite a few 'interesting' days, including one which had no water for a while, hence this newsletter being a week late and longer than usual.

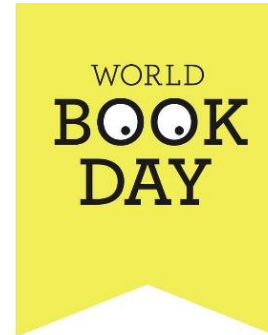
A **lot** has happened in the past three weeks. Year 6 had a memorable trip to Edinburgh and returned very tired but very happy. It was a wonderful experience and we are so proud of the children's resilience, good humour and positivity.



There were many highlights to the trip and we really did not stop from the moment we arrived. We have all developed a liking for hot chocolate, as you can see from the smiling faces in the photograph!



World Book Day – March 7th



In common with many schools, we did not dress up this year.

Instead, our focus was on reading and books and so we repeated our very successful Book Swap of last year, albeit a week afterwards due to the closure.



Thank you so much for your generosity and powers of persuasion in encouraging your children to bring in a pre-loved book for another child to enjoy.

As part of our celebrations, there was a visit to Catterick Library for some children in Years 5 and 6. We met children from Carnagill, RAF Leeming and Burneston primary schools and had a book-filled afternoon, sharing favourite books and having a good look around the library. If you haven't been, it really is well worth a visit.



On the same day we were all treated to a performance from our four Rocksteady Rock groups. It is hard to believe, but important to remember, that some of the performers are still in year 1. They showed incredible confidence and commitment so we are looking forward to seeing what comes next for them!



Uniform

Thank you so much for supporting us in keeping to our school uniform. The children really looked smart this week, despite the mud, and we appreciate your patience as we know that your washing machines must be working overtime. We strive to get the children outside whatever the weather but it has been so wet and the water isn't draining away as quickly as in other years. Even the mud kitchen had to have a break this week!



Cross Country

Arthur, Blake, Ella and Sam travelled with their parents to Giggleswick to take part in the North Yorkshire Cross Country Finals. They all did amazingly well in the boggy conditions and every one of them came in the top 20. A special mention goes out to Ella in Y6 who came 1st in the Y6 girls race, meaning she's a county champion!



We are very proud of all four of them and wish them every future success.

Art around the school.

Mrs Allis has some exciting opportunities planned for the children over the coming weeks but, until then, we thought you'd appreciate to see what the children have been up to in different areas of the school.



Year 6 children have been transforming themselves into Greek gods and goddesses...

and year 1 children have been comparing digital images with those made using paint.



Science Week.

Years 5 and 6 are analysing their plastic waste and have also learnt about al-Jazari's ingenious Elephant Clock and then spent a morning inventing their own time devices to measure an accurate 10 seconds.



It is great that the children have such a wide range of experiences during their time with us.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

We took a different approach this year and, instead of bringing in money, we asked for food donations. We were well and truly blown away by your generosity!



It will be Sir Lenny Henry's last Comic Relief and so, in his honour, we have bought his 'Little People Big Dreams' book and put his quote, 'Help your Neighbour', near the food. We then contacted Reverend Gillian Lunn from St Matthew's church and she came and collected all of the food to support people in times of need in our local community.





Today has been one of those days when everything slotted into place. What a great way to end the week.

Dates for the Diary:

- Friday 15th March** – Red Nose Day
- Monday 18th March** – Basketball Day
- Tuesday 19th March** – EYFS and Year 1 Balance Bikes
- Thursday 21st March** – Eastertingle for Year 6
PTFA Easter Disco
- Friday 22nd March** – Easter service at St Matthew’s
- BREAK UP FOR EASTER**
- Monday 8th April** – Training Day for staff
- Tuesday 9th April** – Eid assembly
- Wednesday 10th April** – First bike session for EYFS
- w/b 15th April** – Parent/ Carer Consultation week
- Monday 15th April** – Sharon Diamond PCSO to talk to years 5 and 6
- Monday 22nd April** – Cricket day for KS2
- Wednesday 24th April** – Years 3/4 – Tennis at Reeth
- Thursday 25th April** – year 5 at The Wensleydale School – Food, DT and music day
- 7th May** – North Yorkshire Rotters Assembly
- 13th May – 16th May** – Year 6 SATs week

And finally...

After a lot of rain, spring seems to be here. The crocus beds at the front of the school are quite something and we hope that you are enjoying them as much as we are.



Spring often brings changes and our school is no exception to this. We would like to say ‘Goodbye and Good Luck’ to Millie who is moving to Northumberland and to Mrs Wood who is taking up a new position closer to home. We will miss them both but wish them every future success.

Reminder: We hope to see the children next week at the disco!

