



NEWSLETTER

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Class 2

It has been a busy week in KS2! In maths we have continued to look at measure and in particular, time along with shapes, using their properties to complete calculations and problem solve.

English has focused on poetry and we are thrilled with the work the children have produced. One piece has concentrated on handwriting and we will be entering these into Danby show (15th August) with all children having already received a gold star and head teachers award from Mrs Douglass. We were pleased to welcome Year 2 children into KS2 for that afternoon, writing their piece of poetry. They were very settled in KS2 and it felt like they'd always been part of the class. The children have also started work on their own class composition titled "Things that make me laugh". We have had plenty of laughs discussing ideas, lots of amusing input from the children and taken inspiration from poetry by Michael Rosen. We also aim to enter these into Danby show along with their superb 'wave' oil pastel pictures which are on display in the classroom - please come in and have a look, we are all very proud of them.

Sports day on Tuesday afternoon was a triumph. The children were very well behaved and showed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the staff for their help to make the afternoon so successful and to PTFA for organising refreshments. Continuing with the sporting theme, some of the year 5 & 6 children took part in an athletics tournament on Wednesday. They did very well and Mrs Hutt said they were a credit to the school.

Finally, preparations have been taking part for the end of the year. Year 6 are working hard with Mrs Hutt on their magazine which will be on sale shortly. We have all been practising songs and poems for the leaver's assembly (Friday 20th July at 10am) - we hope you can come and join us to say farewell and wish the best of luck to our year 6 children as well as our year 2 children who will be saying farewell to KS1.

Class 1

This week we were delighted to welcome some of our new starters, who will be joining us full time in September! We had a fun filled morning of song and dance, and we were very proud of how well the children settled into school life – the older children did such a great job of making them feel welcome. The children were joined at lunchtime by their parents who also enjoyed a school dinner.

In Maths this week we have been exploring Symmetry, measuring capacity and volume – Reception children have especially enjoyed being in the water tray to support their learning! In English we have been focussing on grammar – recognising missing punctuation in text and identifying the type of punctuations, such as exclamations and questions.

On Thursday we made the most of the glorious weather and enjoyed a sunny afternoon at Forest School.



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Stars of the week

Ryan Brew & Lydia Worley – Have both showed great progression and resilience in their writing this week and produced some great pieces of work for entry into this year's Danby show.

Bonus Ball

Saturday 30th June #50 Rollover

Year 6 Transfer Days

Our Year 6 pupils will be having their transfer days to their chosen secondary schools next week – details below

Caedmon College – Full week Transfer - **Monday 9th to Friday 13th July.** Please find attached a covering note for your child to take onto transport.

Eskdale School – **Tues 10th, Wed 11th and Thurs 12th July** with a Parents Information evening Wed 11th at 6pm. Temporary bus passes will be sent home with children Monday.

Our Week ahead

Week commencing Monday 9th July.

- **Monday** Music lessons with Mr Cross
- **Tuesday** Year 2 joining KS2 for the day
- **Thursday** Netball Club
- **Friday** Football club – Please note this will be the last football club this term

Other Events

Please find attached to your newsletter information on Lealholm's First Village fair, to be held this Sunday 8th July from 1pm. All proceeds go towards Lealholm Primary School.

Playgroup are also hosting a Celidha Night fundraising evening, Saturday 25th August and are gratefully accepting prizes for the raffle now should you wish make a donation – These can be dropped at Playgroup or to the school office, where Mrs Bennett will be happy to pass them on.



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News from Castleton School

KS1: It was the perfect day for a trip to the beach last Friday and we thoroughly enjoyed exploring the rock pools and searching for fossils in the gorgeous sunshine down at Robin Hoods Bay. We met the team from Danby Moors Centre who taught us lots of interesting facts about life on the coast. The sea creatures were out in force and we were delighted to find a range of crabs, sea snails and periwinkles. It was great to meet up with Glaisdale infants and work together on a joint venture. Everyone was so engaged and Miss Garbutt was proud of the excellent behaviour. It is clear that everyone had a great time as the children wrote some fantastic recounts about the visit this week. In Maths we have been problem solving with capacity and enjoyed creating some refreshing fruity cocktails. Next week, year 2 will be going up to the KS2 class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and our new starters will be joining us on Wednesday morning.

KS2: The Yorkshire Museum in York was a great place to visit last Friday. We shared our fossil knowledge with the Museum Guide who was very impressed (particularly with Alfie's dinosaur knowledge). We had a chance to handle coprolite (dinosaur poo!) which everyone sniffed despite it being thousands of years old. The mystery of the dinosaur was solved through measuring footprints, examining teeth and handling a spike. The investigation was solved as an Iguanodon. A highlight was feeding Alan the diplodocus with branches of leaves good job it wasn't a T-Rex (please ask.) Thank you Mrs Barrett and Mrs Margetts for coming with us.

Many thanks to Dan and Helen Medcalf who took Archie, Harry B, Honey and Rueben to Athletics at Eskdale School on Wednesday afternoon. Archie said they joined up with pupils from Glaisdale and took part in various Track and Field Events. They had a lovely time and the weather was perfect – cloudy but warm and better than if it had been full sunshine and there was even an ice cream van!

Lastly, this morning, it was the leavers' assembly for our Year 6 children. Thank you to them for a wonderful assembly. Those of you who were able to attend, we hope you agree that they did a fabulous job. It was a great mixture of humour, serious thoughtful moments and thank yous. We are certainly proud of the fact that such a wonderful year 6 are going out into the world as superb representatives of Castleton School but we will miss them.