



Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

19 January 2018



"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week we have begun the writing of a report on Pterosaurs. We have chosen this subject as they were the first creatures, after insects, to take to the skies so seemed a good starting point for our topic on flight.

In maths we have been focusing on co-ordinates using grids. This always causes problems as the children have to remember which co-ordinate to put first. Science has seen us investigating the force of friction. We have used a bike to determine where we do and do not want friction and have also investigated how to measure the "grip" of our shoes using a force meter. The recent snow has, of course, provided a perfect example of how to reduce friction.

Gymnastics

Well done to the Yr4 gymnastics team who took part in the Key Stages 2 event on Wednesday afternoon at Eskdale School. We don't have the results yet, but will pass them on when we do.

Unfortunately due to the road conditions yesterday, the Key Steps 3 event for Yrs 5/6 had to be postponed until the end of the month. A letter is attached for only those children chosen to attend the re-scheduled event.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have looked at how to take all the things that could go wrong in our school day and how to make them better. An example of this is to put your homework in your bag when it is finished so that you don't forget it the next day.

Class 1

This week in English we have been looking at the vocabulary used in our story maps, identifying words for which we already know actions and symbols, and creating new ones for those that we are not familiar with. This has led on to us investigating the vocabulary - discovering what word class it belongs to, how it is defined and how it is used within the context of the story.

In maths we have been exploring multiples to support our understanding and rapid recall of times tables which in turn will support us in other areas of maths including problem solving. We have some great success over the week with many children now being able to access their tables more quickly and accurately. Any opportunity to practise recall of random tables at home would help to secure this even further.

In history we have been introduced to the story of St George and the Dragon and in art we have begun painting our individually designed dragons, a project which will be completed over a number of sessions in order for the children to appreciate the complexity of art and to develop the stamina and patience of working gradually towards a goal.

On Monday, Year 2 enjoyed their first swimming session of the term, whilst EYFS and Year 1 engaged in a gymnastics session based around control and coordination.

The first Forest School session of the year proved to be a rather snowy event but was still enjoyed by all the children, despite the cold. The children also took advantage of the snow to practice their team, communication and organisational skills, as well as to apply their mathematical thinking, in a snow building competition.

Please remember, this term Yr 1 and Reception will be doing PE on a Monday afternoon (when Yr 2 are at their swimming lessons), so please ensure that they have their PE kits with them at school. Thank you.

Diary dates for the week commencing 22nd January 2018

Mon 22nd: pm - Swimming lessons (for selected pupils)
After school – Booster class for Yr6 pupils

Tues 23rd:

Wed 24th: Yr3 – Forest School – **wear appropriate clothing**

Thurs 25th: KS1 – NOT Forest Schools – Science instead

Fri 26th: School meal – Australia Day !

REMINDER – Swimming - Mondays

For those pupils going, please ensure they have their costumes, towels and a warm hat (for afterwards) with them on the morning.

REMINDER – Yr 6 only – Booster Classes – Mondays

For the parents of these pupils, please ensure school know on Monday morning if your child is either being collected at 4.15pm or can walk home on their own. We cannot let your child leave the school unless we have this information. Thank you.

YEAT Academy Conversion Update

As far as we know, we are now prepared for Academy conversion on 1st February. We are very excited that this is finally happening and will give us further opportunities to work together to continue to offer a high standard of education for all our children.

Break-time drinks for Years 1 - 6

Please note that the majority of the children who have money against their name on the drinks register aren't taking their drink at break-time. Please encourage your child/children to do so if they wish. There is a note on top of this newsletter stating the balance of your child's drinks account. For those who need to pay/top up, it's 15p/day, 75p/wk and for the rest of the term, it'll be £2.25. Thank you.

For those parents of reception children, their drinks are free until they move up into Yr1.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 13/1/18 – 5 – rollover. Please note that monies are now due (£13 per number for the next quarter) so please see Gemma Brew. **There are spare numbers if anyone would like another one or if they know anyone who would like to buy one.**

News from Castleton Classes

This week **KS1** has continued work on Grace Darling and used different sources of evidence to research her life. The children are keen to make lighthouses next week so any junk modelling materials would be greatly appreciated, especially tubes/cylinders.

In PE we are focusing on Gymnastics and are creating sequences that involve a roll, balance and turn. This week we have enjoyed using the springboard and worked hard to control and land jumps.

Keep up the great work counting in 2s, 10's and learning the corresponding times tables at home. We have seen a big improvement in those that have been practising.



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In **KS2** we have been mastering those fractions and in particular what a numerator and denominator tell you and what they mean. Year 6 had a tricky challenge to change $1/7$ and $1/11$ into decimals when you can't automatically change the fraction into a $1/10$ or $1/100$. Please ask.

In English we have been crafting thank you letters that have a twist. The twist being that the present is terrible but you still have to write nicely about it to not hurt the feelings of the letter receiver (audience). Let's just say that some have really understood how to use sarcasm and the letters have some very humorous ideas in them.

We have also been looking at the work of Leonardo da Vinci. He was an autodidact which means he taught himself all that he knew from observing, experimenting and puzzling out the answers. Please ask how he kept his ideas secret from others. Also explain why it was really bad news to be a friend of Leonardo when he was full of flight investigations and experiments.

Five year 4 children (Hattie, Alfie, Emelia, Josh and Edie) were at a Gymnastics competition on Wednesday with Mr Wilson. They had a really nice time and got a chance to show off their skills! We don't know how we did yet as we are waiting for the results but everybody had a great day, well done to our representatives!