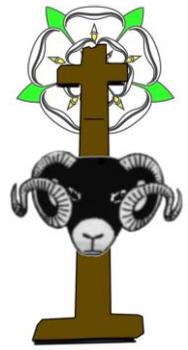




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School News

Mr. Hutt - retirement

It is with very mixed feelings that we inform you that Mr. Hutt has decided to take early retirement starting 1st May. Mr. Hutt has recently had some health problems and this has influenced his decision. He is one of the best teachers we have had the privilege to work with and is absolutely irreplaceable so we won't even try! However, from past experience we know that we will find someone fabulous for your children and they will bring their own skills and expertise to Glaisdale School and make their own very valuable contribution.

We wish Mr. Hutt our very best - we all want him to enjoy his retirement to the full, as we are sure you will yourselves. He has lots of interests and will be very busy pursuing them. He will still be seen around school fairly regularly because he has agreed to do some work for the Esk Valley Alliance and Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust, although this will be a non-teaching role.

We will begin recruitment as soon as possible and expect to have a teacher in post for Key Stage 2 by September. In the meantime, Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Scholey will provide continuity and ensure your children are well taught and cared for.

Class 2

This week we have begun to look in more detail at the story by David Almond, "My Dad is a Birdman". We have been investigating how the main characters have developed through their actions and interaction and how dialogue is written and used to convey feelings.

In maths we are data-handling using a range of chart types including conversion and line graphs, bar charts and pictograms.

In science, we used hoop gliders to focus on investigation and the role of fair testing and variables, while in art we looked at the use of tone to draw pencil sketches of J.F. Handel.

Well done to the Yr5/6 children who took part in the Key Steps 3 Gymnastics at Eskdale on Wednesday afternoon. Everyone did really well and whole-heartedly joined-in with all the various activities. Also, as usual, their behaviour was a credit to the school too.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

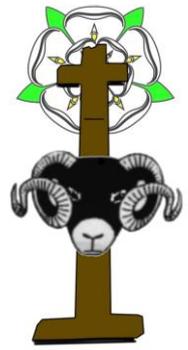
This week we looked at an imaginary child's worst day which all started to go wrong because they didn't get up on time. The children identified all the things that went wrong throughout the day and then made suggestions as to how the child could take on the responsibility to do something about it.



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The 5 R's

We have launched our competition to design characters for the 5 R's (Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reasoning, Reflection and Responsibility). The idea is to design resilient rabbits for each. The children have until half term to get their entries in. We look forward to seeing all the designs! More information to follow.

Class 1

This week in English we have continued our focus on vocabulary, word classes and grammar using our focus text of *How To Train Your Dragon*. We have also read extracts from the longer novel and used inference and deduction to write, in role, about what the hero, Hiccup, might be thinking as he faces the dragon initiation test. Using the longer, more detailed version of our focus story, we have been looking at strategies for improving our reading skills, both decoding of words and understanding of the text. This has been done through exploring the author's choice of language, looking at the origins of words and lots of discussion.

In maths, we have been working on division using a range of practical apparatus, jottings and mental strategies for solving calculations. We have also been able to look more closely at the inverse relationships in maths between multiplication and division.

Despite being a bitterly cold afternoon, the children enjoyed another Forest School session yesterday with a bonfire, hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows to help keep them warm.

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust- opened 1st February 2018

We are delighted to tell you that we have finally, after numerous setbacks, become the first multi academy trust (MAT) to open in the Whitby area! The links we have to the other academies in the trust (Lealholm, Westcliff and Airy Hill) are already benefitting our schools and therefore your children. We are working together to share good practice and we are linked through a number of different projects to ensure high quality teaching and learning, highly effective systems and management of our schools.

More and more schools are now converting to become academies and we are very proud that we are able to provide a local solution for schools who may wish to join a MAT.

Please note that as from yesterday, the school office now has a new admin email address. It is: admin.glaisdale@yeat.co.uk so please use this now. Also, Mrs Douglass can now be contacted at : headteacher.castleton@yeat.co.uk Thank you.

Diary dates for the week commencing 5th Feb 2018:

- Mon 5th: pm – Swimming - selected pupils only – **remember costume, towel & warm hat**
after school – Yr 6 Booster Class
- Wed 7th: lunchtime - special menu day – Yorkshire Pudding Day !!!
pm – Yr2 Key Steps 1 Gymnastics at Eskdale – **must have PE kits in school on day**
pm – Yr3 Forest Schools at Castleton – **must have appropriate clothing with them**
pm – Level 2 Cross Country in Pickering – selected pupils only



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Thurs 8th:

NOT Forest Schools for KS1 – Science instead here at school

Fri 9th:

School finishes for half-term holiday

School resumes on Monday 19th February – happy holidays !

REMINDER – Swimming lessons – Mondays

For those selected pupils, please be aware that the next £9 instalment payment is due by the end of term – 9th Feb. Thank you.

REMINDER – Forest Schools – Yrs 3 & 4 – Wednesdays – Castleton

Please note that the Yr3 children will have their last session next Wed (7th) and then after the half-term holiday, it'll be the turn of all the Yr4 pupils until we break up for Easter. They should come to school on the day in their outdoor gear, with warm waterproof coat/trousers plus their wellies, gloves, hat and a scarf. Please also consider putting in a spare pair of socks too for afterwards, as these can sometimes get wet during the session. Thank you.

REMINDER – Special Menu Day – Wed 7th Feb

Next Wednesday is Yorkshire Pudding Day ! As the lunch option for then is already roast pork, apple sauce and gravy, then these will simply be added that day. If you have a child in KS2 who doesn't normally have a school dinner but would like one on this day, then please pay the school office £2.10 in advance to cover the cost. Thank you.

Please also remember that during half-term on Tuesday 13th is Shrove Tuesday – so get flipping those pancakes !

REMINDER – Peat Rigg monies

For those paying in instalments please be aware that the next £20 is due by the end of term please. Should you wish to pay the remainder, then £40 will be due. If not, another £20 will be due in March. Thank you.

Bonus Ball winner

As on 27/1/18 – Katherine Sedman – 16

Lockdown

This week we have practised the emergency procedure called "Lockdown." We talked about it being the response to a problem outside where we all need to immediately go indoors. In fact, it is the opposite of the fire alarm. Everyone was very sensible and undertook the practice very calmly. Well done to all the children.

Advance Notice – Trip to Newcastle on Monday, 26th February

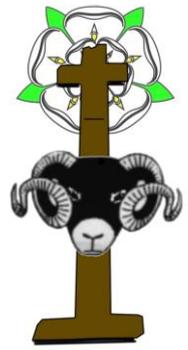
A letter will be sent home next week about the trip to Seven Stories at Newcastle on Monday, 26th February.



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World Book Day – 1st March 2018

This day celebrates all that is fantastic about reading or being read to, and the children will be encouraged to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character (a reminder will be given nearer the time). However, please find **attached** to this newsletter a £1 book voucher for each child to either buy a book from a specified list or receive a discount off another title. It is valid from 26th Feb – 25th March.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, these little visitors have returned to school again. We know that you will be regularly checking your children's heads for them anyway, but we do ask that everyone is particularly vigilant at the moment. Please find **attached** details of the combing method which some people find successful and we do understand that there are also several brands of electric type "zapper combs" on the market which, when used regularly, can also be successful. Alternatively people are able to contact their Doctor for free prescriptions and free aids. Thank you.

News from Castleton Classes

KS1: A huge welcome to Jasmine who has joined Reception. This week we have enjoyed exploring electrical circuits and working out how to light up a bulb.

In English we have been focusing on instructions and played barrier games to highlight the importance of clear instructions with imperative (bossy) verbs.

Next Friday we are looking forward to visiting Whitby Lifeboat Station as part of our work on Grace Darling.

KS2: Also, welcome to Oscar who has re-joined us in year 5. In Maths we are beginning to see how those FDB – Fractions, Decimals and Percentages are all connecting together. Mrs Grace was particularly impressed with the Year 6 who had a tricky fraction conversion to do in order to put FDPs into ascending or descending order.

We have finally come to conclusions with Leonardo's parachutes. They were more scientific than don't be Leonardo's friend (please ask!) such as the shape, weight balance needs to work for the parachute to work. Modern parachutes do have holes in for stability – not just to scare you!

In English we have started a book called "My Dad's a Birdman" by David Almond. We looked closely at the front cover and the blurb to get ideas what the story is all about. There were some excellent links to other stories such as Mr Benn, Michael Morpurgo's style and Quentin Blake's illustrations. The book claims to be 'subversive' so we shall read on to find out more.