



Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

15 September 2017



"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week the children have been exploring the opening of the story of Aladdin, in particular the ways in which the characters are introduced and how they then interact with each other.

In science we have continued our investigations in electricity, with the younger children looking at the properties of conductors and insulators while the older children investigated how to change the brightness of a bulb.

The children have also been further studying the role of the Quran in Islam and exploring tessellating shapes through art.

Class 1

This week in English, we have focused on revisiting strategies to help us with our spellings including mnemonics, Fred fingers and talk, and pyramids, and our reading. Addressing the phonic sounds and key words at the start of reading sessions continues to be an important element in supporting this at home. We have also looked at question words and sentences to identify what we would like to know about stories based on the front cover of the book.

Our maths has concentrated on place value using a variety of practical apparatus, such as cubes, numicon, and base ten, as well as more formal recording methods such as partitioning and tens and units tables. We have also been spending time counting and recognising numbers. Any opportunity to count out loud (beyond 10) with the children would support their work in class.

We have continued our geography work on the world by thinking about modes of transport appropriate for holidaying in different locations, using this to complete our own passports, and looking further at what constitutes a continent. We have also engaged in musical activities aimed at expanding our appreciation of low/high and loud/quiet sounds.

This week saw the first Forest School session of the term- a new experience for our foundation stage. Despite the intermittent rainfall the children, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

KS 1 children - Request: Many children are now using Glaisdale School backpacks and, whilst they are useful for carrying items to school, they are too large to fit in the children's drawers in the classroom. If your child does use these backpacks, could they please also continue to use book bags for their reading book which can more easily be accommodated in the classroom. The backpacks can be left on the children's peg in the cloakroom. Thank you.

Diary dates for the week commencing 18th September

Wed 20th: Yrs 1 & 2 – Multi Skills Sports Festival, CCW (see **attached** letter)
Yr 3 – Forest Schools (at Glaisdale)

Thurs 21st: Netball Club resumes (KS2 only – see **attached** letter)



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Parental Consent Forms for School Visits and Trips

Thank you to all the parents who have returned these forms for their children. However, there are a few still outstanding. **Attached** are forms for those children whose details we have yet to receive. **Please return them by Monday, especially any children in Years 1 and 2 who have a trip next Wednesday and may not be able to attend without it.**

Age Related Expectations (AREs) & SMIRFS (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts)

Please find **attached** the Age related expectations for your child/children and an overview of the SMIRFS mental maths programme that we follow in school. Anything you can do to help your child to learn their SMIRFS is really helpful. Do ask if you have questions about any of the documents.

Trainee Teacher – Mrs Peacock

We're really pleased to inform you that Mrs Peacock has decided to do her teacher training this year within school here. She will therefore be spending a percentage of her time teaching KS2 every week with Mr Hutt also working in the classroom as support. Please ask if you have any questions.

Collection of children after school

Thank you to all the parents who inform us who will be collecting their child/children. If your child is collected **on a regular basis** by someone who isn't their parent/carer or another family member (i.e. a child minder, friend, etc.), then please let us know now and we'll retain that information for weekly use over the term. You then won't have to remind us on a daily/weekly basis.

If the above doesn't apply but there is a one-off occasion when someone other than a family member is collecting your child/children, then please let their teacher or the office know **on that morning** at drop-off time. Thank you.

Multi Skills Sports Festival – Wednesday 20th September

Yrs 1 and 2 will be taking part in the afore-mentioned event at Caedmon College next Wednesday afternoon (20th). See the **attached** letter – **please ensure the consent slip is returned by next Tuesday at the latest.**

Netball Club - Thursdays

This after School club is open to all KS2 children and will resume again next Thursday (21st). Please see the **attached** letter and **ensure the consent slip is returned by next Wednesday at the latest** if your child/children wish to take part.

Bonus Ball

On 9th Sept: no.6 – Fords Butchers

Uniform

As a reminder, please find **attached** a list of what uniform should be worn at school and what PE kit is required too.



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Octoberfest Fun Run – Sunday 1st October

Whitby Rotary Club is again offering this competition to all children under 14. Please find **attached** further information and an entry form. If your child/children wish to take part, please complete the form(s) and then return it/them to the office with the entry fee(s). **All forms and monies must be returned no later than Friday 22nd Sept (i.e. next Friday).**

Yr 1 Hearing Test

Please note that the School Nurse will be coming into school on **Friday 29th September** to test the hearing of all the Year 1 children. For those parents whose children will be tested, you will receive a letter (or maybe have already) from the Children's Health team about this.

News from Castleton Classes

KS 1: This week we have started reading "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers which is all about a lost penguin. The children have been busy packing suitcases ready to journey to the South Pole. We have been exploring hot and cold countries and used the Atlas to help us find out where the South Pole is. The Reception children are especially enjoying making the characters and re-telling the story with puppets.

KS2: You may be very tired of the question "Are we nearly there yet?" especially on long journeys, but it has been used very creatively in our writing. We have been learning all the family car secrets and all the problems that we all have on a long journey. We have been really pleased with all the excellent ideas and details that the children have put in their writing. All the excellent, yellow highlighted sentences which show really good work have been shared with the class. How nice to have writing work that makes Mrs Grace laugh while she is marking because of all the good ideas.

In Maths we have been working further on rounding up and down. This is a skill we will need to use when we move on to the addition and subtraction work.

We have been looking at pictures of different journeys and what connections can be made from the pictures. What was really amazing was some of the ideas the children had that went very deep into the journeys of life.