



Glaisdale Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

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## Class 1

This week our time in class 1 has been dominated by assessments for Year 1 and EYFS- a lengthy task for these younger children during which the class has, on a whole, been considerate of their peers needs. Between assessments, we have managed to do further work in mental maths and problem solving; looking at the language used in mathematical word problems. In English, as well as working on handwriting, spellings and phonics, we have written stories and looked at dictionary definitions of words relating to our story. Our science has focused on plants as living things with the class identifying the seven life processes which all living organisms display and suggesting examples of animal and plant behaviour that demonstrates these. In Art, we have been looking at shades and tints of yellow as a precursor to preparing to replicate Van Gogh's famous sunflower paintings.

We have, this week, acquired a new member in our class: Nemo, our new goldfish (as named by the children) has taken up residence as Goldie's new friend!

## Class 2

This week in KS2 we have had assessment week. The children have been focused and worked well.

Year 6 children have been working with Mrs Hutt designing and building a glider for the annual Rotary competition. It was very challenging and required research into aerodynamics including lift and how weight and length of the fuselage affect flight. We wish them good luck in the competition next week.

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to Crucial Crew at Scarborough. It was a very interesting afternoon and the children learnt a lot about staying safe in a wide variety of situations. They were very well behaved and a credit to the school.

We combined sports day practice with PE this week. It was a lot of fun and many team-points were awarded for good sportsmanship.

During half-term the Glaisdale Gallop took place and congratulations to Greg Walsh who can 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, whilst his sister Ellie, finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the girls competition. Well done to both.

Well done also to Lily, Jack & Sam Harland who all took part in a charity walk raising money for Cancer Research.

## Diary Dates - Week Commencing 12th June

**Tuesday 13th** "Relax Kids" Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
**Thursday 15th** KS1 & Y5 ONLY Forest Schools at Castleton (see below)  
Y6 to DT Competition – Goathland (see **enclosed** letter)  
Netball Club

## **REMINDER - New After School Club – Tuesdays – “Relax Kids”**

This new Club starting next term; is based on the theme of “Happiness” and fits perfectly with our emotional health and wellbeing project and will be run by a lady called Yvonne Bradley.

It will be on Tuesdays, 3.15pm – 4.15pm, starting 6<sup>th</sup> June, finishing on 18<sup>th</sup> July and is open to all pupils. If you are happy for your child/children to attend, please complete the attached permission slip and return it to School no later than 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

## **REMINDER - Forest Schools – Dates – Next Term**

Due to the risk of Adders being present in the FS area here at School, all FS sessions will now take place at Castleton next term. Y3/Y4 will not be doing FS this term.

### **KS1 : am only**

- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July;

### **Y5/Y6 : pm only**

- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June (NOT Y6 this week– see above), Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June, Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Bonus Ball winners**

- 27<sup>th</sup> May – Rosie Jones and 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Joan Jackson

## **News from Castleton Classes**

**KS1:** This week we have been exploring poetry, looking at different types and identifying rhymes and rhythms. We are hoping to go down to the River Esk next week and use this experience to create our own river poems. As part of our Esk Valley topic we are looking at transport and how it has changed over time with a focus on George Stephenson. The children are busy creating a map of Castleton on our display wall, feel free to come and look.

**KS2:** You may have noticed conversations about gliders and this is because we have now completed the entry for the Endeavour Young Engineers Challenge. The portfolio of all that we’ve learnt with aero-dynamics, air-resistance and gravity that have helped with the glider designs has now gone. All the mini designs were made, tested and improved, what we learnt from this helped with the large design. Thankfully there was some break in the weather so we could actually test them when it wasn’t pouring with rain.

On Tuesday afternoon, year 6 attended Crucial Crew at Scarborough when volunteers from the emergency services and other support teams educated us on keeping ourselves and others safe. According to Sadie, this was “really scary.” Sadie and Megan said, “We had little drama scenes that we had to solve, for example a burglary and a fire. There were also the Coast Guards, seat belts and gas. All of these had problems we had to solve by phoning 999 so we know what to do if ever we are in similar situations.”

It will certainly help them to know what to do if they come across those problems in real life.



Years 5 and 6 from both schools had a great Forest School session on Thursday afternoon despite the rain at the beginning of it. We soon erected a shelter over the base camp fire area and made ourselves cosy with a fire. One group then set about mixing the ingredients for bread dough that was then cooked over the fire on sticks! It was “delicious” apparently, though some additional ingredients have been suggested for the next session to make them even tastier! The other groups were busy with den building until it was time for hot chocolate and a snack.