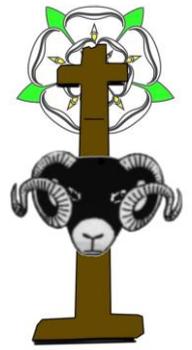




Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

23 February 2018



"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week we have continued with our work on data handling investigating different ways to represent data. In literacy, we have planned and begun to write a story inspired by our class book, *My Dad is a Birdman*. We are hoping to incorporate ideas from both the book and various science lessons and to set it in a local context. In art we have been studying the work of Leonardo da Vinci, in particular his portraits in ink.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have explored what we consider to be our greatest achievements and how these can help us to feel good about ourselves.

Class 1

This week in English we have been linking our work with our research and findings in history into Vikings - their origin, modes of travel, clothes and life style. We have also engaged in focused comprehension work, with a concentration on the vocabulary incorporated into the text, both real and fictional. This particularly led to a great deal of thought into what the game of Bashyball might be, with some very varied and colourful suggestions from the children!

In maths we have continued enhancing our understanding of fractions, including fractions of simple, basic shapes and latticed grid shapes. Paralleling our English vocabulary focus, we have looked at the technical language of maths - the diversity of terms which the children experience and strategies to decipher word problems in order to apply the correct one.

In addition to looking at the history of Vikings, our geography work has located them within the wider world, tracking their journey from the North, southwards to invade Britain. Our PE session this week had the added bonus of a springboard which provided opportunities for practising approach, take-off and landing during gymnastic activities. We have also worked on developing our resilience in the face of tasks which we would normally avoid or seek assistance within, in particular, tying our shoe laces. After initial "I can't do my laces" comments, the children applied themselves with determination to the task, and managed varying degrees of success. This is something we will work on again so any support in practising with shoe laces that you can provide for your child at home would be welcomed.

A quick reminder to parents of the early years' children: we would love to receive more "Wow moments" statements about your child - to share them with the class and to include them in their journey of learning. Thank you.

REMINDER – TRIP TO 7 STORIES ON MONDAY 26TH

Please remember that the children must be at The Mitre at **8.05am** in order to **leave on time at 8.15am** and everyone must have **a packed lunch/drink** with them too. We aim to be back at 4pm, dropping off at the Mitre again so please collect your child from there. Children are to wear School uniform.

BREAKFAST CLUB – MONDAY 26TH – NOT ON

As the children are away on the 7 Stories trip, then Breakfast Club will not be on. It will resume as normal on Tuesday 27th at 8am.

YR6 BOOSTER CLASS – TUESDAY NEXT WEEK

Due to the 7 Stories trip, this class will not take place on Monday but will be on after school on Tuesday, same time.

DIARY DATES FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 26TH FEBRUARY 2018

Mon 26 th	7 Stories trip No Breakfast Club No Yr6 Booster Class
Wed 28 th	pm: Yr4 Forest Schools at Castleton – wear appropriate clothing to School
Thurs 1 st March	2pm: Stay and Play for playgroup children
Friday 2 nd	World Book Day in school

WORLD BOOK DAY – FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Even though World Book Day is on the 1st March, we will be celebrating it in school on the Friday – 2nd March. Children are welcome to come to school dressed up as a character from a story and to bring in their favourite book to share.

KS1 FOREST SCHOOLS - DATES

Apologies for not putting yesterday's KS1 Forest Schools session on the newsletter as a reminder at the end of last term. However, the dates were sent out in December (letter dated 21st) but just for clarification, the remaining two sessions before Easter are: **8th March** and **22nd March**. New dates will collated for next term and parents will be notified accordingly.

REMINDER - SWIMMING LESSONS

If your child is having these lessons, the second payment of £9 is now due. Thank you.

CHEQUE PAYMENTS

For clarification, please make any cheques for payments in future out to: "Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust". Thank you.

BREAK-TIME DRINKS

Just a reminder that if you've paid for your child to receive a drink at break-time, can you please encourage/remind them to have it ! There are children who have money against their name but are not taking the drink. Thank you.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 10/2/18 – Angela Guiver – 13 and as on 17/2/18 – Lesley Skilbeck – 56.

News from Castleton Classes

KS1: What a super visit we had to the Lifeboat Station on the last day before half term. We even had our lunch with the lifeboat crew! Mrs Garbutt was so proud of the excellent behaviour and super interest all the children demonstrated.

This week we have been authors and have written our own "Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" stories which we are looking forward to sharing with you. We enjoyed looking at the history of flight and focused on hot air balloons this week, keen to make our own.

KS2: The magic of hot air balloons has been explored this week. What a great invention for the Montgolfier Brothers. We tried our own bin bag long sausage hot air balloon – but it wasn't as successful as we thought it would be. It just proves how complicated a hot air balloon is, especially the fabric they are made with.