



"Outstanding Together"

NEWSLETTER

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Class 2

This week has been quite busy, with children participating in a number of events. On Tuesday most of the children attended "Hit the Surf" in Whitby. This began with a beach safety talk before participating in the timeless "getting-the-damp-wetsuit-on" game, which was very entertaining! After this, the children made it into a fairly rough sea where they learnt about rescue techniques and had a go at surfing. Although it was a cold day, there was an awful lot of giggling with some children succeeding in kneeling up on their boards. Removing wetsuits with numb hands was quite a challenge!

On Wednesday all Years 4 and 5 opted to attend an orienteering event – again in the pouring rain. Everyone did really well to complete the course and particular congratulations go to Owen and Greg who came second by 4 seconds and Felix and Jack who came fourth by 10 seconds.

On Thursday Years 5 and 6 began a series of sex and relationships lessons before once again going out into the rain to participate in Forest Schools. Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a couple of ukulele lessons which actually sounded quite tuneful!

On Friday, four Yr 5 pupils, along with Mrs Peacock, went to Scarborough went to Coventry University's Scarborough Campus for the NYCC Children's Voice Conference. It was to suggest ideas about how to improve our School Council, as well as raising awareness of contemporary issues such as living with a disability and asylum seeking. Jack, Owen, Greg and Megan represented the school superbly and their behaviour was a credit to them.

Class 1

This week the children have worked really hard on looking at alternative characters for Jack to encounter in their new settings at the top of the beanstalk, including candy monsters, dragons, witches, skeletons, ghosts and even vampires. We have brainstormed ideas for exciting adjective words and phrases, and looked at how these can be adapted to provide a variety of creative sentences. The resulting character descriptions have been fantastic. In maths, we have worked on mathematical signs and symbols and identified which to use to tackle calculations and problems. Our science has looked at plant parts, including their names and functions, and with some great sketch work being produced. Linking to our work on plants, we have begun preparing the backgrounds for our Van Gogh paintings which will be created over a number of sessions. Despite the torrential weather, the children enjoyed another fun Forest Schools session this week, although there may now be less mud in the wooded area and more in washing machines!

<u>Cancellation of Sports Day – 30th June 2017</u>
As you will be aware, due to concerns over the health & safety of the children, today's sports day was cancelled. We are now hoping to hold it on the afternoon of **Monday 17th July 2017**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Yrs 5/6 – Athletics - Wed 5th July 2017

On Wednesday, Yrs 5 and 6 will be going to Eskdale to attend an Athletics Day. The itinerary includes two hours of trying different athletics, followed by games activities in their school groups with a presentation to finish. The

children should come to school that day wearing their PE kits (& trainers) but should also bring with them appropriate clothing for any type of weather too – waterproofs, sun-hat/sun-cream, etc.

All school – BASC & Countryside Learning Moorland Day – Fri 7th July 2017

On Friday, the whole school will be attending this fun and educational event on Rosedale Moor. The children should come to school in clothing that they'd usually wear for Forest Schools plus a waterproof jacket, sun-hat, sun-cream, etc.

Diary dates for the week commencing 3rd July

Tues 4th: Yrs 5/6 – SRE lesson - Castleton

Relax Kids Club after school

Wed 5th: Yrs 5/6 – Athletics - Eskdale

PTFA Sponsored Walk – after school (see information below)

Thurs 6th: Yrs 5/6 – SRE lesson & Forest Schools - Castleton

Netball club after school

Fri 7th: All school - BASC & Countryside Learning Moorland Day - Rosedale

PTFA Sponsored Walk – after school - Wednesday 5th July 2017

Hot dogs, ice creams, refreshments and a tombola will be available at school after the walk. Volunteers are urgently needed to help out on the day, by being marshals around the course, serving refreshments or doing the tombola. Please contact Sarah. Also, tombola prizes are still needed too. Please pass them onto Sarah or leave them with Emma/Becky in the school office.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 24/6/17 – Sharon Knights - 24

Esk Moors Caring Ltd -

Please see the attached events programme for July and August 2017.

Yorkshire Attractions -

Please see the attached booklet full of vouchers for activities throughout Yorkshire during the summer holidays.

News from Castleton Classes

This week in **KS1**, we have been busy building bridges and working out how to make them stronger. We learnt all about the History of Beggars Bridge in Glaisdale, just ask about the story! In English we have been reading the Gingerbread Man and will be working on this story over the next few weeks.

KS2: We have now completed the bog cotton and heather art inspired by the moors. We hope that you will see them at the Art Show. We have also been looking closely at the OS maps at what this tells us about the River Esk and how it has been mapped. Goole Maps is brilliant for this as you get an idea of the satellite picture as well. In Maths it has been angles and instructions of routes. This should be really helpful for our river investigation on Monday.

Last Friday, four year 5 children and Mr Wilson went to Coventry University's Scarborough Campus for the NYCC Children's Voice Conference. This was to give us ideas about how to improve our School Council, as well as raising awareness of contemporary issues such as living with a disability and asylum seeking. A huge thank you to Katie, Honey, Thea and Sam who represented the school superbly!

Five children from years 4 and 5 took part in Orienteering on Wednesday afternoon. Braving the wet weather, all children did fantastic displaying excellent team work to get everyone to the finish. Well done to the duo of Rueben and Theo, as well as the trio of Archie, Olivia and Hannah.