



Newsletter
23rd November 2018

Class 1 Our English this week has been guided by more visits from our fairy who has left letters for us and who we now know is called Fayette. After following clues given in riddle form, we discovered an assortment of information hidden for us to learn all about fairies. This led on to some fantastic information writing from the children where they demonstrated great use of varying sentence types to make their writing not only informative but extremely interesting.

Our maths has also stemmed from our fairy visitor where, using information and facts learned, we have undertaken a variety of data handling activities ranging from the construction of concrete charts to recorded tally and bar charts.

We have now finished our Art project with some wonderful depictions of the secret garden as it was when it was dying and as it transforms into life again. In History, we have been learning about St Hilda of Whitby, the founding abbess of the monastery at Whitby where the famous synod of Whitby was held and an important figure in the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity.

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed young children and their mums into the classroom for a play and stay session. The children had a lovely time, with class 1 proving themselves to be excellent hosts. Well done, Class 1. Rehearsals for the Christmas performance are now underway and children have all been given their lines to learn. Any support with this at home would be much appreciated.

Class 2 This week in Key stage 2 our maths focus has moved to measure and converting between different units of measure. We have spent time looking at comprehension texts and how to "find it, prove it". In Grammar we have covered the use of pronouns and identifying subordinate clauses within a text. Play rehearsals are going well – we are very impressed with how the children have learnt their lines and cannot wait for them to get on the stage.

We would like to wish Ellie good luck for tomorrow – she is competing in a national biathlon in Leeds and currently placed ranked 15th in the country for her age group. During Children in Need last week, Millie arranged a competition for the KS2 children to design a new Pudsey – the chocolate prize was awarded to Will for his colourful design.

Social and emotional well-being With the start of preparations for the Christmas performance, we have thought about how to encourage and support each other in learning our parts as well as how to appreciate and celebrate efforts and achievements as we do so.

Stars of the week

In key stage 1, **Molly** has been awarded for her superb effort in Maths.
For Key stage 2, **Millie** for her great Pudsey activities last week.





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Attendance Unfortunately our whole school attendance this week fell well below our target, at just 93.66%. We hope that this will improve as it is our lowest attendance mark since the start of the school year. Please can we also remind all parents that they are required to report their child's absence every day to inform us that they will not be at school.

Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust Please find a letter attached for an update. Thank you

Messy Church You may have heard of Messy Church but perhaps you're unsure what it is? Firstly, it is a lot of fun! Led by the Vicar and a team of very able volunteers there are all-age activities, child-friendly praise and a shared light meal. We held our first session on October 14th and 50 people packed in to the rooms at the Methodist Church! Our next session is on **Sunday 2nd December, from 2.30pm again at the Methodist Church in Danby**. Why not come along and invite anyone you know with children to come and join us. Our theme this time will be light in the darkness. No unaccompanied children please, come as group of all ages. Get in touch with Revd Chris Rattenberry the new Vicar of Danby and Castleton on revdcjr@aol.com

Christmas Baubles for decoration are still available from Mrs Bennett's office, for you to take to Sainsburys for the event on Friday 30th November – please call in if you would like one.

Our Week's Ahead

Monday 26th November

Mr Cross Music lessons

Wednesday 28th November

Year 4 Forest Schools

Thursday 29th November

Key stage 1 forest schools

Friday 30th November and Monday 3rd December – School closed for teacher training days

Tuesday 4th December

Return to school (no music lesson this week)