



# NEWSLETTER

24.03.2017

"Outstanding Together"

### Class 1

This week the children have been focusing on long vowel sounds and syllables in English. We have also been working on developing our independency and resilience whilst writing about our mum- an appropriate topic for this week. The children have surprised themselves at how independent and capable they are.

In maths we have continued to embed rapid recall of number bonds and times table, and have worked on position, direction and turns, including half and quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise.

As part of our geography work, we have investigated and compared what makes a town and what makes a village, whilst in Science we have looked at groups and classes of animals. Our PE has involved developing manoeuvring and team skills as well ball control. The children enjoyed a music filled afternoon on Tuesday, courtesy of Miss Hoggarth and Ms Webster, which they all participated in and enjoyed.

We finished the week off with enjoyable afternoon in aid of Red Nose Day and some art work incorporating....well, that's a secret, for now.

# Class 2

This week we have really focussed on completing the stories based on Our Field and Bella's Den by Berlie Doherty. It has taken a long time, but it has all been worth it as we now have some wonderful stories. To make them even more enjoyable we have also been using watercolours to paint illustrations. Through this medium we have investigated how to allow colours to bleed across wet paper to give the illustration depth and texture. We really are rather proud of the end result. We have also had a look at representing data in the form of bar charts and pictograms while Y5's have also investigated sound by twanging rulers to make vibration diagrams. These were harder to create than they looked.

#### **Sandwich Day**

We hope that you will be able to join us on Wednesday afternoon between 2-4pm to sample our range of delicious sandwiches. We will be baking a range of breads on Tuesday and getting as much prepared as possible, so that we will be ready on Wednesday. It should be a very interesting and enjoyable day. As the children may be staying until 4pm it is important that we know which children are under our care. Can you please indicate on the attached slip what is happing with your child after 3.15pm. Many thanks.

# Parents Evening Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Please find attached your appointment details for next week's parents evening.

#### Red Nose Race!

Thank you to everyone who donated money towards Comic Relief. The children all had an enjoyable time trying to complete the obstacle course. The money raised in sponsorship and donations totalled £229.00. Thank you very much.

#### **Forest Schools**

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March, KS1 will be taking part in Forest Schools on Wednesday afternoon and Y3 & Y4 children will be going to Castleton on Thursday afternoon.

#### **Cross Country**

Well done to Ellie Walsh who competed at the North Yorkshire School Games X-Country Event held at Dalby Forest this week. Ellie was placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of approx. 40 competitors in her race, so this was a great achievement.

#### **Music Tuition by Mr Cross**

We have today heard from the County Music Service that Mr Cross will not be back at work before the Easter break. They have now tried to provide cover for as much of his teaching as possible and the following have agreed to take on additional tuition: Woodwind Mr Butterfield, Brass Mr Firth and Percussion Mr Hardy. These teachers will be contacting us to arrange times for lessons; unfortunately it can't be guaranteed that this will be on Thursday. They have, however, been unable to find a replacement teacher for guitar. They advise that they have written to all parents about the above and that credit will be made for the lessons that Mr Cross has missed this term and parents of guitar pupils will be given a full refund. They are hopeful that Mr Cross will be able to return to work after Easter.

#### **Lost Property**

Can you please check at home if you have a Freedom Trail, navy blue coat with lime green lining, aged 5. Also, a khaki deer stalker hat. Many thanks.

#### **Bonus Ball**

11<sup>th</sup> March Number 46 Mr & Mrs Jagger 18<sup>th</sup> March Number 43 Becky Worley

# Week Commencing 27th March

Monday Parents Evening 2.30-5.30pm

Sumdog Club

**Tuesday** Booster Class Y6

Sumdog Club

Wednesday KS1 Forest Schools

KS2 Pop Up Sandwich Shop

**Thursday** Y3/Y4 Forest Schools, Castleton

Friday

#### **PTFA News**

Easter Bingo – Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Robinson Institute. Can we please have bingo and tombola prizes. These can be left in the school office or given to Sarah Asquith. Many thanks.

### **Danby Juniors Hockey**

We will be holding training on the Esk Valley Astro Turf at the former Caedmon School site in Whitby. Mondays 6pm - 7pm. This will initially run for the next 4 weeks as we prepare for our first fun tournament. It is open to children aged 8 - 14.

Sticks provided. £2.50 per session.

Come along and give it a go!

# News from Castleton Classes

This week in KS1 we have been learning our multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and used them to solve some great problems.





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We have also been busy in the garden planting carrot and sunflower seeds and hopefully the frost will stay away!

We have thoroughly enjoyed making Mother's Day crafts and hope you enjoyed our Mother's Day tea party.

It was a rather chilly visit to the woodland for us on Thursday morning. Fortunately, we were able to light a small fire to generate enough heat to warm our hands. The hot chocolate was very welcome at snack time and the usual activities of den building/decorating, tree climbing and nature crafting took place.

KS2: In Maths we have been working on measures. One of the trickiest things is the conversion of the measures. There is an improvement but more work is required so that it can be applied to problem solving.

On Tuesday afternoon years 3 and 4 attended Eskdale School for Multiskills.

We welcomed years 3 and 4 from Glaisdale to our Forest School area for the first time on Thursday afternoon. They soon settled right in and got very creative indeed. We had rope ladders, tipees, swords, bows and arrows, slingshots, dream catchers and more being designed and built in the short session.