

# NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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## **Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust (YEAT) launch day for pupils and community**

On Friday morning 15th June the schools councillors from all five Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust schools will be visiting all the schools in turn to find out more about them.

In the afternoon, at 2.30pm, there will be a short film for parents and the community with information presented by the children in all the schools. The schools councillors and staff will be then able to answer questions.

We hope you will be able to come and find out more about YEAT. We are very proud of it and we want to share this with you!

Please find attached the latest newsletter from YEAT.

## **Summer Fair** On Tuesday 17th July we will be having our summer fair!

The fair will be in the afternoon but Mrs. Douglass wanted this day to be her leaving celebration with a treat for the children. Therefore, we have booked a climbing wall for the whole day and it will be situated at the top of the school drive

There will be refreshments in the afternoon and we would love to see you if you can make it.

**Class 2** KS2 have been studying articles about volcanic eruptions to identify an array of descriptive words and phrases that they can magpie and use in their own piece of poetry about an erupting volcano, in particular, focussing on sight, sound and smell. It all feels more topical than ever with the current eruption in Hawaii and have suggested the children may wish to watch BBC Newsround for vocabulary inspiration. Maths has moved into measure and the conversion of units which can then be applied in problem solving questions.

We have talked this week about sports day and working as a team, transferring this into the classroom and how we interact with each other and looking after school equipment.

Year 6 have worked hard on the Rotary Competition to build a model light house with working flashing light. They have produced an excellent portfolio that was picked up for judging today. Their model will be tested on Thursday with other school's entries. Fingers crossed year 6 and a big thank you to Mrs Hutt who helped the budding engineers.

**Class 1** This week our focus in maths was money. We have learned about the values of different coins and notes and how to recognise them. The children also applied their knowledge of number bonds and ability to count in 2s, 5s and 10s to help them calculate different amounts and combinations of coins. In English we have learned how to juggle with scarves, played 'Simon Says' and built our own Lego models all to help the children hone their instructional writing skills. Having improved the accuracy of our instructions and developed positional language, some children also used peer marking skills to further enhance their work. We used exotic fruit from all over the world to investigate where our food comes from. In the process, we developed an understanding of continents and some children used atlases to locate countries within continents. Reception used the fruit to create some fabulous artwork too.



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You will have noticed that Mrs. Webster is not in school at the moment and she will not be back for a few weeks. Luckily we have managed to borrow Miss Shaw from West Cliff Primary. We are very grateful to Miss Shaw for helping us to keep the school running smoothly and to the staff across both Castleton and Glaisdale for their additional help to ensure everything continues as planned for the children.

**KS1 – Stars of the week:** Jacob Miller – for great progress in his phonics sounds and eating more at dinner time!

**KS2 – Star of the week:** Ruby Van Meerbeck – for her outstanding biography of Sir Edmund Hillary

## **Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Crucial Crew Event – packed lunches will be required.

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Global Learning day/MFL day Y6 only – children are required to make their own way to their schools.

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>**

- New starter session lunch & afternoon in KS1 (parents to stay for lunch but not the classroom session)
- Y2 into KS2 class for the afternoon

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** PLEASE NOTE, there will be no football club this week.

## **Sports Day – Date for Dairy**

This has provisionally been set for the afternoon of **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. A reserve date has also provisionally been set for the afternoon of **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. To be confirmed nearer the time.

## **Music Lessons - Mondays**

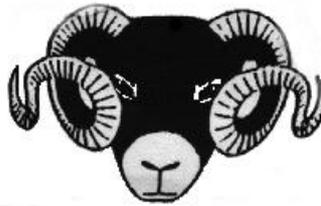
Please can those children who have lessons with Mr Cross please ensure that they have their book and instrument in school with them every Monday for their lessons and he has asked if the children could practice for at least 30mins a week to ensure they progress. Thank you.

## **Bonus Ball winner**

- 26/05/18 – 3. Simone Wright
- 2/06/18 – 10 – Amy Wilson

## **News from the Castleton Classes**

This week in **KS1** we have been thinking about ways to keep ourselves healthy and have focused on healthy eating. We have enjoyed reading "Oliver's Vegetables" and explored some of the vegetables Oliver's Grandad grew in his garden. In Maths we have been creating tally and bar charts to show our favourite vegetables so that we know which ones to put into our soup and salad next week. After the half term we were amazed to see how much our beans and sunflowers had grown (a big thank you to the water



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fairy!) We are hoping to create a delicious "home grown" salad and soup with all our produce! **KS2** Maths couldn't have been more perfectly timed because we have been working on coordinates. This really helped with the orienteering we did on Tuesday. In English the massive editing and improving of the balanced discussion on Trimdon Colliery is complete. The children are now preparing to write the narrative for their own version of the Jules Verne Centre of the Earth.