



**Glaisdale Primary School**



*"Outstanding Together"*

# Newsletter

## 27/01/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

### **Christmas Mini Masterpiece Art Competition Winners**

Over the last month, our children's artwork has been displayed online and at Danby Moors Centre art gallery, thanks to a competition being run by Ady Wright's Art Gallery, Whitby. Members of the public have been voting for their favourite pieces and, this week, the winners were announced for each category.

Online winner (Explorers): Raine

Online winner (Adventurers): Billie

Danby Moors winner: Raine

Our prize winners received a £30 The Works voucher which was kindly donated by Ady Wright's Gallery! The artwork gained lots of positive feedback online and in the gallery. Sally, from Danby Moors Centre, was so impressed that she would like to give us this space again next year for a similar competition. Ady Wright, artist, loved looking through them and encourages our children to keep practising as they may also be an artist one day and have their work displayed in the National Gallery!

Well done to all that took part – entries will be returned shortly.

### **Questionnaire Feedback**

Thank you for all your positive responses, suggestions and feedback in our most recent parental questionnaire. The summary of this survey can be found at the end of this newsletter. Our next survey (due later in the term) will focus on our school oaths and how they reflect our unique identity.

### **Reading Afternoon with Parents**

Our parents' reading afternoon has now moved to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January (2.45-3.15pm) due to staff training. Apologies for any inconvenience. We are looking forward to seeing you on this new date, where you can read with your child and share a positive attitude to books and reading for pleasure, similar to our session in November.

### **E-Safety - Snapchat**

It has come to our attention that some of our older children are using social media sites/apps, such as Snapchat. We strive to ensure children stay safe online by providing a range of PSHE and E-safety lessons that encourage safe and respectful internet use. We will also be inviting a local police officer into school soon who will talk to children about what to look out for online.

We recognise that the world of technology is ever-evolving and that it is hard for adults to keep up-to-date with the latest apps and how they can keep their children safe at home. Therefore, you may find the following link useful. Here, you can sign up for a free poster explaining what Snapchat is and how it can be used safely/appropriately. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/snapchat-2021>  
If you require more support on this, please do get in touch with the school.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Cooper 

**Attendance:** This week's attendance was **92.9%** which is below the national average of 93.7%.  
Our attendance this year is: 93.4%

**Stars of the Week:**

Explorers: Rudy – for fantastic phonics and brilliant independent maths work!

Adventurers: Piper – for being amazing all round and impressing all members of staff!

<b>Headteacher timetable for next week</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Glaisdale all day
<b>Tuesday</b>	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale
<b>Wednesday</b>	am – Castleton pm – Whitby Heads Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	Supporting schools in Scarborough
<b>Friday</b>	am – Castleton all day

**Term Dates – 2022 / 2023**

- ~~Half Term – Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October~~
- ~~Staff Training Day – Friday, 9 December~~
- ~~Last day of Autumn Term – Friday 16 December~~
- ~~First day of Spring Term – Tuesday 3 January 2023~~
- Half Term - Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February
- Staff Training Day - Friday, 24 March
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 31 March
- First day of Summer Term - Monday 17 April
- Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May
- Bank Holiday – Monday 8 May
- Half Term - Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 24 July

Training days for staff when the children will not be in school are as follows:

Friday 9 December

Friday 24 March 2023

Tuesday 25 July

## Future Dates

### January

31<sup>st</sup>: Parents' reading afternoon (rearranged date)

### February

10<sup>th</sup>: Year 3/4 Gymnastics at Eskdale School

10<sup>th</sup>: End of half-term

24<sup>th</sup>: Year 3/4 Hockey Coaching

### March

7<sup>th</sup>: Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament

14<sup>th</sup>: Straws Cup – Football Competition (4-6pm)

15<sup>th</sup>: Cross-country event

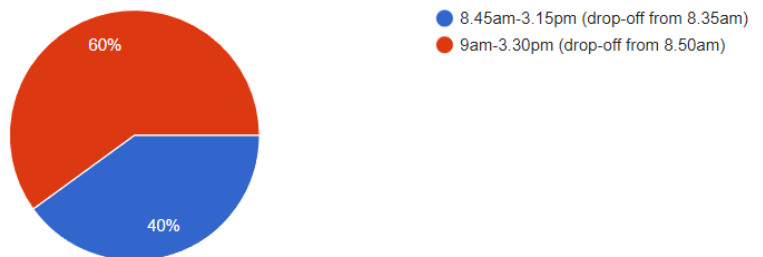
17<sup>th</sup>: Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup>: Training Day

31<sup>st</sup>: End of Term

### Parental Survey Feedback – January 2023

The following summarises the feedback from the recent parental survey and, where appropriate, outlines the next steps school will take to act on this feedback. Feedback has been anonymised, so individual comments will not necessarily be reported.



### Extending the School Day

To align with the national requirement to provide 32.5 school hours per week by September 2023, we asked parents to comment on their preference for extending the school day. We have also asked staff and considered how this would best work for our children's curriculum.

We have decided that a 9am-3.30pm school day would provide the opportunity for a more rounded curriculum and better suit the majority of parents/staff. However, we recognise that there may be some exceptions to this.

Therefore, we will look to trial this new school day in due course (likely after Easter) to understand the impact of this on families. Confirmed arrangements will be communicated in due course via the school newsletter.

### Joining the PTFA

Thank you to those parents that have expressed an interest in joining/supporting the PTFA. Your names have been passed on to the existing PTFA members who may contact you to discuss how you can support, especially when our current members (Claire Gallon and Lucy Prowse) step down at the end of the year.

### Parents' Suggestions on Improving Secondary School Transition

- Opportunity to do activities with other schools' Year 6 pupils.
- Continue transition weeks
- Transport preparation

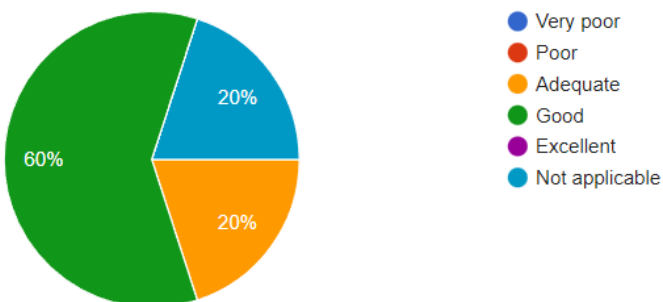
Thank you for all your suggestions. Where these are practical, we will raise with the local secondary schools at the Whitby Area Heads Meeting (held termly). As you may be aware, especially if you have a child preparing for secondary school, there has been a change in circumstances regarding the Whitby secondary

schools which may affect what transition looks like this year – we will communicate details of this once this has been made clear.

### Behaviour Perceptions

We are delighted to hear that all those surveyed believe behaviour at Glaisdale to be good, very good or great! We are also pleased to hear that parents believe this has also improved. We will aim to maintain this trajectory to make behaviour even better.

### School Meals



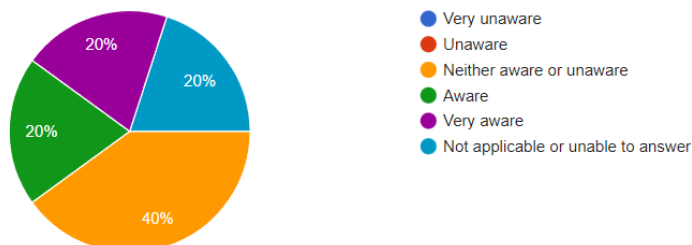
We are pleased to hear that the majority of parents that responded to our survey believe our school meals to be adequate or good. We still aim to improve on this to provide an excellent service in terms of healthiness, taste, variety and value for money. We will also take into account the suggestions listed below (which have been given by parents) to help this improvement. Our School Council will work to find out what special meals children would like in the future.

#### Suggestions:

- Improve quality/quantity when relief cooks are used
- Ask children to submit their favourite meals and use this in menus

### School Oaths

We want to improve our parents understanding and knowledge of our school oaths (which are displayed around the playground and on the school website). Therefore, our next survey will review these oaths and ensure that they reflect the unique personality of Glaisdale. We will then look to make these more explicit to parents and children.



### Trips

We had lots of positive feedback on trips at Glaisdale, which we are pleased to hear. However, we will consider the following parental suggestions (where possible):

- Consider distance of trips, especially during winter months
- Choice of pick-up points
- Beach trip in the summer (learning about sea safety)
- Using the local area to base trips (e.g. local agriculture, moors management, local churches, fishing industry, etc.)