



Glaisdale Primary School

Newsletter
20/10/2023

Dear Families and Friends,

Key Stage 2 Paralympian Visit – Tuesday 24th October – Oakridge School (plus visit from performance poet!)

Next week, our Key Stage 2 children will visit Oakridge Primary School, alongside their friends in the other trust schools. They will have two exciting opportunities. The first of these is to meet Stephen Miller, a Paralympic gold medallist. He will run an assembly for all children followed by a fitness workshop.

We have also just been given the opportunity to meet a performance poet, named Adisa, on this date too. Children will get the chance to take part in an interactive poetry performance. We are looking forward to a fun-packed day! Children should come to school in weather appropriate sports kit. If you would like your child to have a packed lunch from school, please inform the school office, otherwise please ensure your child has a packed lunch from home. No consent is required for this visit as it will take place during the school day.

As a reminder, we are raising money to support the Paralympian running this event. You can donate through the following link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/oakridge> or by bringing cash to school.

New Parent Governor Vacancy – Glaisdale School

We still require a parent governor to support our schools' Local Governing Board, which is shared with Lealholm and Castleton Schools, to ensure the voice of Glaisdale parents is heard. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please speak to Mr Cooper. Should we have sufficient interest, we will hold a nomination and election process.

PTFA Halloween Party (24th October 4.30-6.00pm)

We are delighted that our new PTFA has planned a number of events for our children/community to help connect our local area and to raise funds for school provision/trips. One of the first events is a Halloween Party for all children under 12, including those from other schools. This will be hosted at The Robinson Institute on Tuesday 24th October (4.30-6.00pm). Tickets (which can be purchased on the door) are £2.50 and include a hot dog. See the poster below for more details.

School Photo Orders

Richard Saltmarsh visited on Tuesday. An order form for the photos will be distributed by the school office, should you wish to purchase these. Payments for these will be available via MCAS once forms have been received.

PE/Chance to Shine Sessions

This week, we received our final cricket session from Chance to Shine. Therefore, Fridays will now revert to a non-PE day with children coming to school in normal uniform. We will still have PE sessions on Mondays.



Flu Immunisations – Monday 23rd October

On Monday 23rd October, we will be joined by the Immunisations Team who will be offering a nasal spray flu vaccine for all children who have parental consent. You should have received an e-mail from the school office with details on how to give consent. It would also be useful for parents who do not give consent to complete this if there is a clear wish that they do not want their child to receive this.

Moors School

We will be having Moors School on Thursday 26th October for all children. Please ensure children come to school in appropriate kit/footwear on these days. After half-term we will have sessions once a fortnight (on average) whilst the weather allows.

Reading Afternoon with Parents – Friday 27th October (2.45pm)

Parents/family members are welcome to join their children for a reading afternoon on Friday 27th October (2.45pm). This is an opportunity to share your love of reading with your child, listening to them read their favourite texts or allowing them to hear you read to them. Please arrive at the main entrance at 2.45pm if you would like to attend.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening takes place next Thursday (26th October). You will have scheduled an appointment through MCAS for this. Please ensure you arrive at your allocated slot. We hope you find these meetings a useful way to receive the latest updates on how your child is finding school and to celebrate their achievements in the first half-term of the school year.

Stay and Play – New Reception Starters September 2024

We will be holding our first 'stay and play' for children/parents starting school in September 2024. This will take place on Wednesday 25th October (2.00-3.15pm) in the Explorers Class. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for the afternoon or leave them in our care. Please feel free to share this widely with other parents who are considering for September 2024.

Castleton PTFA Coffee Morning – Saturday 21st October (10.00am-12.00pm) – Castleton School

There will be a coffee morning at Castleton Primary School on Saturday 21st October (10.00am-12.00pm). All members of the community are welcome.

Connect the Classroom

Over the next fortnight, we will be joined by technicians from Advantex who will be upgrading our IT hardware in school, to help improve connectivity and speed. They will complete this work on evenings between 3.00-11.00pm whilst children are still at school, to limit disruption. During half-term, they will work during regular office hours. There will not be any additional noise but you may see that our school building lights will be on later into the night – please do not be alarmed by this.

End of Half-Term

School will close for half-term next Friday 27th October at 3.30pm. We will reopen on Monday 6th November. Please see term dates below for any future holidays and training days.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Cooper



Stars of the Week:

Explorers: Max – for his great Samuel Pepys work and giving all his learning a great go!
Adventurers: Jacob – for showing excellent resilience in long division and then 'cracking it'!
Headteacher: Edith – for excellent improvement in all learning!

Attendance: Our attendance this week was: 98.1%

Our attendance this year: 94.7%

National average for this year: 95.4%



Headteacher timetable for upcoming week	
Mon	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Tues	am – Glaisdale pm – Castleton
Weds	Glaisdale all day (Castleton parents evening)
Thurs	Castleton all day (Glaisdale parents evening)
Fri	am – Castleton pm - Glaisdale

Next Week's Events

Monday	PE – both classes (please arrive in PE kit/footwear) Flu Immunisations
Tuesday	Key Stage 2 visiting Oakridge (Paralympian and Poet Visit) Please arrive in appropriate sports kit PTFA Halloween Party – Robinson Institute (4.30-6.00pm)
Wednesday	Gardening Club (lunchtime) New Starters 2024 Stay and Play (2.00-3.15pm) Art Club (3.30-4.30pm)
Thursday	Moors School Please arrive in appropriate kit Sports Club Parents Evening
Friday	Reading afternoon with parents (2.45pm) End of Half-Term School reopens on Monday 6 th November

Term Dates - 2023/24

- ~~Staff Training Day – Monday 4th September 2023~~
- ~~Staff Training Day – Tuesday 5th September 2023~~
- ~~First day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 6th September 2023~~
- Half Term - Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023
- Staff Training Day - Friday 15th December 2023
- Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 22nd December 2023
- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 8th January 2024
- Half Term - Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024
- Staff Training Day - Friday 15th March 2024
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 22nd March 2024
- First day of Summer Term - Monday 8th April 2024
- Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024
- Half Term - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st 2024
- Staff Training Day – Friday 12th July 2024
- Last day of Summer Term - Monday 22nd July 2024

Training days for staff when the children will not be in school are as follows:
Friday 15 December 2023; Friday 15 March 2024; Friday 12 July 2024



Future Dates

October

23/10: Flu Immunisations
24/10: Adventurers Paralympian visit at Oakridge School
24/10: PTFA Halloween Party (4.30-6pm)
25/10: New Starters Stay and Play 2024 (2-3.15pm)
25/10: Caedmon College Open Evening
26/10: Moors School
26/10: Parents Evening
27/10: Reading afternoon with parents (2.45pm)

November

17/10: Sportshall Athletics Event
24/10: Key Stage 2 Basketball Event

Later in the Year

06/12: Christmas Performance (6pm)
07/12: Christmas Performance (2pm)
08/12: Carol performance to Dales Folk
22/12: Christmas Service in Church (1.30pm)
20/03-22/03 – Year 3/4 Peat Rigg Visit
13/05-17/05 – Year 6 SATs Week
10/06-14/06 – Year 1 Phonics Screen Week
22/07 – YEAT Arts Extravaganza

Please avoid booking term time holidays, especially during assessment weeks.





Endeavour Fun Club Half Term Spooktacular!

We LOVE Halloween so we are busy behind the scenes planning different spooktacular activities for October Half term.

We will be open Mon 30th October - Friday 3rd November 8am - 6pm for Children aged 4-13years.

👻👤🎃 Halloween is always a busy time so please book places as spaces are limited and fill up fast.👻👤🎃🕸️🕷️

Please inbox us or call/text 07795314255 to book.



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Open Evening

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

You are invited to our Open Evening to meet colleagues and children from Eskdale and Caedmon School.

We are open on Wednesday 25 October on the Caedmon site from 4.30-6.30pm. Please join us if you can.

Susan Boyd and Phil Nicholson

