



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have been super detective. On Monday we found a crime scene in the staffroom which left a lot of vegetables in distress! We think the Evil Pea is behind it and have been busy writing eyewitness reports for the Police and sent letters and e-mails to Supertato asking for his help. Hopefully the Evil Pea will be caught soon! We have also enjoyed the lead up to the Royal Wedding, writing invitations and even acting out our own Wedding in class!

Please could years 1 and 2 remember to bring their recorders into school on Thursdays.

Also, a reminder that year 2 SATs will start on Monday.

KS2: A huge WELL DONE to all year 6 for all the hard work they have done building up to the SATs which has been worth it. Everyone tackled their tests with calm, sensible determination and resilience. We couldn't have been more proud of them. We even had a moderator in on Monday who said their behaviour and attitude was "exemplary." Enjoy your weekend Year 6.

While Year 6 were hard at work in their SATs, years 3, 4 and 5 have been studying patterns in Maths. Year 3 were cracking codes and year 4 had some investigation work to do. Year 5 had some very challenging number patterns to solve and got very excited when they finally started spotting the answers.

In English, KS2 are now ready to write their balanced discussion text. This is the sort of writing they will find themselves doing all the time if they go on to College and University. They have some very strong opinions; luckily we have also done some work on bias to balance this out!

Finally, in Science, we finished our work on evolution and inheritance. Years 3 and 4 then looked at the structure of the earth, including a look 250 million years into the future, to see what our continents will look like.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we have been exploring mental health. After listening to the national radio broadcast we realised the importance of talking about our feelings and emotions and thought about ways to keep our brains healthy. We are using the characters from the film "Inside Out" to help us talk about how we are feeling and this is helping us to understand mental health a little more.

"Red, White and Blue Day" today

To celebrate the Royal Wedding tomorrow we had a "red, white and blue" non-uniform day today and special dinner (including ice creams and cake outside in the sunshine). This afternoon we did some fun activities of maypole dancing, biscuit decorating and bunting making.

The School Council has decided that the money raised today will go to "The Sick Children's Trust" who provide free "Home to Home" accommodation, as well as emotional and practical support, to families with sick children in hospital. This is a Charity that Daniel and his family recently benefitted from so was the perfect choice! £31 has been raised so far.

YEAT Filming Day on Tuesday

Mrs Evans and 4 pupils from West Cliff School will be visiting for half an hour on Tuesday morning. They are going round all the schools in the Trust, and will then be putting a film together which you will be able to see at the YEAT Launch Day on Friday, 15th June. Please note that there will be an assembly for parents to tell you all about Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust on this afternoon. **If you do not wish your child to appear in any photographs or filming please let Mrs Blacklock know on Monday.**

Botton Village Summer Camp and Homestay Needed

Please see the attached letter detailing the above which is taking place at Botton Village from 31st July to 18th August. Houses are needed to take in children from mainly Korea, Germany and Italy and also your children are welcome to join the camp.

North Yorkshire Police - "Lifestyle Challenge"

Lifestyle Challenge is an activity that gives young people **aged 10 to 17 on 31st August 2018**, who are resident in North Yorkshire something positive to engage in over the summer holidays. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference in their community as a team, whilst demonstrating what young people are capable of when given the right opportunities. Please see Mrs Blacklock for further information or go to the following link:

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/summer-holiday-challenge-for-young-people-as-lifestyle-2018-launches/>
includes embedded promotional film, on-line registration form and information

Next Week

Please pay all dinner money, Breakfast Club fees and any other money owing this half term on Monday.
Year 2 SATs week

Tuesday	YEAT Filming Day
Wednesday	Year 5 Forest Schools, afternoon Netball Club
Friday	Please could pupils who have Music Lessons with Mr Cross remember instruments and books! Whole School Photograph, 9am Break up for half term

News from Glaisdale

Today has also been a day of celebrations at Glaisdale. They have had a late celebration of World Book Day with children dressing as characters from well-known stories which they shared with everyone. The children (and they suspect parents!) made a fantastic effort with some superb costumes (the Oompa Loompas were brilliant!). In readiness for tomorrow's Royal Wedding, they have undertaken their own celebration activities and learnt about the wedding itself, and enjoyed a special royal wedding dinner.

This week in English, **Class 1** began thinking about the appearance and personalities of the characters from their story, brainstorming adjectives and adverbs which could be applied to them in the descriptive writing they will undertake next week. In Maths, they have been revisiting 2D and 3D shapes, becoming more familiar with their names and properties.

On Monday, the children had a history themed day during which they looked at farming in the past, including jobs undertaken on a farm, clothing worn and equipment used. In PE they continued to work on their throwing and catching skills, and had a competition to see who could get the ball through the netball hoop.

What a busy week in **Class 2!** Well done to all the year 6's who this week completed their SAT papers; their chance to 'show off' all they have learnt during their time so far at primary school. They kept their cool in the test room and got through the week. Thank you to everyone else in the school who were as quiet as mice while a test was in progress.

The class have extended their work on fractions by applying their knowledge of finding equivalent fractions in order to add or subtract fractions where the denominators are different and then simplifying their answers, if possible. This has really tested their times tables knowledge.

Work on preparing to write a biography continues in English with the children really immersing themselves in the life of Sir Edmund Hilary.

In Geography they used Oreo biscuits to recreate the effects of tectonic plate movement where there are divergent, convergent or transform boundaries. It was an exciting lesson which everyone thoroughly enjoyed especially when the children got to eat their creations - after photos had been taken!