



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

## News from the Classes

Welcome back everyone! **KS1** have had a busy first week back. We have been focusing on fractions in Maths and found halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and quantities. Our new story is "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" which has some interesting vocabulary (we needed a Dictionary!) In History we are learning about Grace Darling. Our new topic for the term is flight and we will be exploring the history of flight and how it has changed.

Year 1 and 2 children will have spellings to practice this week, remember a little practice each day is the most effective. Can we remind everyone about the importance of daily reading and questioning children about what they are reading to check their understanding.

Year 2 children will need swimming kits for Monday swimming sessions. PE will be Mondays and Fridays and PE kits will need to be in school for these sessions.

**Congratulations to Effie** who is a member of Redcar Gymnastics Club Elite Squad and has now been given the opportunity to take part in the British Elite Grades - only the top ten in the region are offered this chance!

**KS2:** Happy New Year everyone, it has been great that everyone has rested and is ready to get on with the learning for 2018.

In Maths we have been working on the favourite FDP topics, fractions, decimals and percentages. For some it seems obvious how they all connect together, for others not so clear. When the penny drops that actually it means the same thing but said in different ways it makes the topic easier. For example,  $0.5 = 5/10 = \frac{1}{2} = 50\% = 50/100$ .

We have thought again about presentation and how the way books are organised with clear answers gives the best impression and shows that pride is taken in the work. Well done to everyone who had their handwriting chosen by their peers to be the example to go on the classroom wall.

The topic this term is flight and we have started with thinking how much science and invention has happened over the years for mankind to understand how to fly like birds. We shall look at this in more detail and also think will we ever have teleportation and travel portals.

Thank you to everyone who has kept the reading records going in the holidays. Mrs Grace has been pleased with all the exciting books the children have had as Christmas presents that they are keen to read and talk about.

PE will be Thursdays and Fridays so please ensure your children have their PE kits in school on these days and could they also have warm jogging bottoms and fleeces available as well suitable for doing PE outside. Thank you.

## Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have focused on happiness and what are the most important priorities in our lives. Ask the children what they should put in their jar first!

## Music Lessons: "TOOTs" and DOODs"

Mr Cross will be teaching all our instrumental music lessons on Friday mornings and has given us a demonstration of the variety of instruments he can teach. These include trumpet, clarinet, flute, drums, piano, guitar and new instruments called a TOOT and a DOOD which are small plastic versions of flute and clarinet enabling children from

Year 1 to start learning. The cost of these lessons is dependent on the number of children in the group. If your child is interested, do let us know and we can work out costs and let you know.

Deadline for interest is **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January**. Do ask Mrs Douglass if you would like more information.

### *Esklets Pre-school, Danby - Job Vacancy*

Esklets are looking to recruit an enthusiastic, reliable and caring individual with relevant experience. Closing date for applications is 31st January. Full details are in the school noticeboard.

Please contact Kate Smith 01287 660173/01287 669607 or email [eskletspg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eskletspg@yahoo.co.uk)

### *Advance Notice of Sporting Events to enter (Cross Country and Biathlon)*

- There is an open invitation for any children (years 3-6) to attend the **Level 2 School Games Cross Country Final** at Lady Lumley's School, Pickering, from 1pm, on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **The Whitby Area Biathlon** will be held at Whitby Leisure Centre on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** (starting with registration at 3.30pm). This is for years 4-6 and consists of swimming and running.

Please note, however, that if you would like your child/children to attend either of the above events you will need to take them and let Mrs Blacklock know, as soon as possible, so that they can be entered.

### *Change to Spring Term Menu (Monday on Week 2)*

Please note that Gaby is making a change to the set Menu that was given out before Christmas. Instead of Quorn and Vegetable Fajita on Monday of Week 2 she will be doing Cheese Catherine Wheel instead.

### *Lego Masters Series 2 on Channel 4*

We have received an email from a TV production company called Tuesday's Child regarding the above Channel 4 series. They are on the hunt to find Britain's most talented Amateur Builders (over the age of 9) and we enclose a flyer with the details.

### *Swimming Sessions starting Monday*

Just a reminder that the swimming sessions start for year 2 (and others) on Monday afternoon at Loftus –please remember swimming kits! **Any remaining permission slips must be returned Monday morning please** (further copies were given out on Thursday).

### *Dates of Events etc up to Easter*

Enclosed is a preliminary list of dates of events up to Easter, which, as always, is subject to change.

### *Next Week*

<b>Monday</b>	Height and Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 and audio tests for Year 1, 9.30am Swimming for year 2 and others, afternoon
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 3 Forest School session, afternoon 5 x Year 4 pupils to Gym at Eskdale School, afternoon. <b>Please see separate letter</b> Netball Club
<b>Thursday</b>	KS1 Forest School session, morning Year 6 Booster Class. <b>Please see separate letter</b>

### *Glaisdale News*

This week **Class 1** has begun working on this term's topic of flight, which they are addressing through a focus on dragons, complete with a giant dragon cave for the children to role play and express their creativity in. Their English lessons have begun with researching and collating facts and information about dragons. This has linked with their art work where they have created their own dragons using information they have gathered. In Maths they have been working on deepening their understanding of the difference between numbers and their recognition of the various terminology that refer to this, as well as looking at sequences of tens and rounding to the nearest ten. They have also begun working on their Science theme for this term which is materials.

This week **Class 2** has also begun their new topic of flight. Their class book is "My Dad is a Birdman" by David Almond. This is a very entertaining and heart-warming story based around the idea of a competition to fly across the River Tyne. In addition, they will be looking at the artwork and how to mix suitable colours for illustrations.