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News from the Classes

In **KS1** we have enjoyed our work on dinosaurs and used non-fiction books and websites to research facts. Everyone is so keen and interested in the topic which is great!

In Maths we have focused on weighing and used the scales to estimate, weigh and compare objects.

Ahead of our visit to Robin Hood's Bay today we have been finding out all about life under the sea and spent time creating some super "under the sea" collages with lots of different materials. Hopefully we will learn lots more today!

Spelling tests will be on Monday due to our trip today.

KS2 have had a very busy and interesting week! In Maths they have been finishing data and different types of presenting data with Mr Wilson and continuing their work on the basic mathematical operations with Mrs Grace. This has included some problem solving to really test their understanding!

In Literacy the children have started writing their final story for the year. They all have fantastic ideas and some very interesting characters. Our focus is on how these characters will change during the events of their story. Next week we will focus on describing their story setting and building tension and suspense.

On Wednesday the Year 5 children were at Caedmon College with Mr Wilson for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fair. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience a Secondary School. The theme revolved around "Space" and the children did a variety of activities including dropping eggs down three flights of stairs (please ask and I'm sure they can tell you)! There were a few survivors (eggs that is...)!

On Thursday afternoon Years 5 and 6 participated in a rounders competition at Caedmon College Whitby. What great timing for them while all of this beautiful sunshine lasts!

Finally, we are out on our trip at The Yorkshire Museum today and will report on this next week.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have continued our work on "healthy" friendships this week and discussed what qualities we look for in a friend and how friendships make us feel.

Sports Day

Sports Day was on Tuesday and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We couldn't have asked for warmer weather and a big thank you is due to Mrs Medcalf for making sure everything ran so smoothly for all the children, as well as her genius ideas to protect us all from being sunburnt! What was really fantastic was how the teams supported each other. There was excellent sporting attitude with able sports people suggesting what could be done to improve. It was lovely to hear that each colour group was cheering everyone on in the relay race. Thank you also to Helen Hellon and all her team for organising the drinks and biscuits. They were really appreciated to stock up the energy and liquid levels. Well done to everyone for trying on each event to improve their personal best.

Annual Leadership Review

As part of the School Improvement offer with Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust, the school will be reviewed annually by an external consultant, Mrs Donna Kettle, who is Ofsted trained and has inspected schools, and who has also spent many years as a Local Authority adviser as well as working for another Academy Trust.

Here are some extracts of her report from Friday 22nd June:

- 'The high expectations of children are shown through their exemplary behaviour, their attitudes towards each other and towards staff and in the pride they take in their learning.'

- 'Self-evaluation by leaders is extremely thorough and considers the entire Ofsted inspection framework. Evaluation and evidence is written to substantiate the 'outstanding' grade in all areas'
- 'Communication is very clear despite sharing a headteacher'
- 'Issues are always immediately addressed by leadership. This is a huge strength.'
- 'The quality of continuing professional development is highly valued by staff who described a wide range of recent opportunities both in the school, across the federation and within the Esk Valley Alliance.'
- 'Observing the play and learning outside, it is evident that there is a clear focus on learning through play supported by quality resources and sensitive adult interaction. This approach is balanced with focused group work on basic skills which take place inside and outside, led by both the teacher and the ATA.' (Early Years)
- 'The children and adults were totally focused on learning and not a minute of learning time was wasted.' (Key Stage 2)
- 'Children were able to explain with clarity how they were working towards age related expectations (ARES) which are highlighted in their writing books.' (Key Stage 1)
- 'A key strength and an outstanding feature of the teaching and learning at Castleton is the teacher's ability to meet the needs of all the children in the mixed age classes.'
- 'Governors view high quality of teaching and learning as paramount and a core purpose of the school. Alongside academic excellence, governors place a high importance on the happy, welcoming and nurturing learning environment.'
- 'They view their governor visits to school and the learning walks they take part in as a crucial part of their role.'
- 'Governors know that Castleton is a very high performing school'

Mrs Douglass is sure you will all be delighted to read the above comments. As usual, the children were amazing, staff were a fabulous team and the governors gave the school their full support. We are very proud of the school and would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Westerdale and Commondale Taxi Pupils

Please could you ensure that the taxi company know what your children are doing every morning and night so that the appropriate vehicle is used and make sure they know if there is a change to the expected travel e.g. if your child is poorly or you have made alternative collection arrangements.

Used Uniform

If you have any decent uniform that your child has grown out of, and no one to pass it onto, please bring it into school as there maybe something that can be used by new starters.

Next Week

Wednesday	Years 5 & 6 afternoon –pupils have had the choice of doing either Forest Schools or Athletics at Eskdale School, 12 to 3pm. Please see separate letter if Athletics chosen Netball Club
Thursday	KS1 Forest Schools, morning Caedmon College Welcome Evening for year 6 and parents, 4pm to 5.30pm
Friday	Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 10 am Football Club

News from Glaisdale

This week in **Class 1** their English lessons have focussed on 'Contractions, Conjunctions and Adjectives'. In Maths the children have been measuring in centimetres and the Reception children have used cubes to assist their work. In PE they have continued to develop their ball skills – catching, throwing, aiming and bouncing.

Today they have embarked on the adventure to Robin Hoods Bay to enjoy some fossil hunting and rock pooling with our infants.

It has been a busy week in **Class 2**. They started the week with a trip to Ryedale Folk Museum to study life in Victorian times. The children experienced living in a Victorian cottage, learnt how to make rag rugs and spend some time in the Victorian classroom. It was a super day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On Wednesday the year 5 children spent the day at Caedmon College for the STEM event. Thursday saw a year 5/6 team head to



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Whitby to take part in the Rounders tournament. Finally, a selection of year 5/6 children went to the beach at Whitby today to take part in the RNLI's Hit the Surf. In the classroom, they have been ending their look at measurement by learning about time, telling the time using 12hr and 24hr clocks, reading timetables and then applying learning to problem solving. The children's volcano poetry is excellent and now creates part of a fabulous display of their work. On Thursday Mr Gardner provided the remaining children with a super afternoon of French. They practised talking about sports and recapped on previously learnt French. The afternoon was completed with everyone singing to the Greatest Showman in French, it was great fun.