



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have been enjoying reading and creating actions for Supertato! We had great fun using materials to design our own supertato. Please feel free to come and have a look at them on our display. As part of our "Beneath our Feet" topic we have been keeping a plant diary to keep a record and make observations about our cress. In PE we are enjoying learning how to strike a ball and are developing our tennis skills.

We have noticed in the class that we are hearing a lot of "fings" rather than "things" and are focusing on the pronunciation of "th" and "f" as it is also having an impact on spellings. The children are enjoying being "th" and "f" detectives and it would be great if you could keep a listen out for this at home and help us with the correct pronunciation. We "think" it will help!

KS2: Thank you for returning the years 3 and 4 children on Thursday washed and clean, if a little weary! It sounds like they had a fantastic time at Peat Rigg. There were definitely personal challenges that were overcome as well as fantastic outdoors learning. All the children should feel really proud of themselves. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Barber for all the organisation of the visit and for her time Monday to Wednesday (which are not all her teaching days).

Meanwhile, years 5 and 6 were reminded about rocks, the types of rock and their properties. We re-visited the rock tests for hardness and also did the acid tests (don't worry it was lemon juice!) to check for limestone. Year 5s also did some preliminary work on worms, they were worm charming like mad and found some beauties. Did we discover whether the bigger the worm the deeper the depth of soil they would be found in? Please ask. In Maths it was algebra – a strange mixture of letters and numbers. Who thought letters should go into Maths – SPIES that's the answer, or maybe lazy mathematicians!



On Thursday evening the Federation football team played in the final of the Straws Cup against West Cliff Primary School at the Whitby football ground. What a game of football!! After full time the score was 1-1 meaning we had to go to extra time. After a nerve wracking 10 minutes of football it was still 1-1 which meant we had to go to penalties!!! West Cliff stepped up and scored 2 of theirs and our keeper managed to get his fingertips to 1 and saved it!! The calmness of our 3 penalty takers was outstanding and they managed to score all 3 of theirs meaning we won!!



Mrs Medcalf reports:

"The football that was played was outstanding, the attitude and sportsmanship of the team was outstanding and the result was outstanding!!

For a small school team to be crowned the best in the Whitby area is a massive achievement and the team should be very proud of themselves."

A big thank you to everyone that came to support the team.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

After exploring St George's Day and learning about George and the dragon legend we began thinking about the qualities and resilience George must have had and how it helped him.

Important Reminders

Bringing Money into School

Just a reminder that all money brought into school (including drink money) should be in a **sealed envelope** clearly marked with the child's name, the amount of money and what it is for. This is particularly important on the days that Mrs Blacklock is not in.

Contacting School re Absence

Also, as admin staff are not working in school every day please **telephone** to report a child's absence **not email**. Please refer to the letter and Proforma we sent out last week about attendance.

Head Lice

Please will you continue to routinely check your child's hair for head lice. There are lots of resources and leaflets at www.onceaweektakeapeek.com. Alternatively, contact your Doctor for free prescriptions and free aids.

Activities/Events

Castleton Junior Cricket Club Training

Training started last night and is every Thursday; 6.30pm at the Cricket field. All are welcome, boys and girls, from age 8 upwards. The first match is on Sunday, 6th May.

Whitby Music Centre Open Morning – Saturday, 5th May

Whitby Music Centre are holding an open morning at Eskdale School (9.30 am – 12.15 pm) on Saturday, 5th May. The Centre runs a variety of musical ensembles for Primary and Secondary school musicians, all run by qualified specialist music instructors. Any children who play a musical instrument or like to sing are very welcome. For children who play an instrument – they cater for any level, this includes children who can play just two notes to those who have reached an advanced level – you simply choose the group that suites your level. Their many musical groups are for children who play the following instrument types - Woodwind, Brass, Strings and Percussion. If you are interested in attending please see Mrs Blacklock for a letter which gives further details.

Moors and Valleys Young Archaeologists' Club!

We have received information from the National Park about the above club which involves hands-on activities for young people aged 8-16 across North Yorkshire and Teesside. Sessions held on the first Saturday of every month. For more information go to: www.yac-uk.org/clubs/moors-and-valleys, e-mail: yac@northyorkmoors.org.uk or telephone 01439 772700.

Dates for Summer Term

Please find attached a preliminary list of dates up to Summer which, as always, is subject to change!

Next Week

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| Wednesday | Year 5 Forest Schools, afternoon Netball Club |
| Thursday | KS1 Forest Schools, morning Year 6 Booster Class |
| Friday | Football Club |
| Saturday | Whitby Music Centre Open Morning |

News from Glaisdale

Goodbye to Mr Hutt

It was Mr Hutt's last day as a teacher today and Glaisdale have had a lovely assembly for him, given him lots of presents and said their goodbyes. Everyone is very sorry to see him go but happy that he will still be around the schools in his new role for the Academy. He was thanked for all his hard work during his time at Glaisdale (over 20 years) and for the large part he's played in seeing the school develop over that time too. Everyone wishes him all the best for the future.



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This week in English **Class 1** has begun learning the story of *the Enormous Turnip*, getting to grips with the symbols and actions of the story map.

Their maths work has involved exploring the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, and how their understanding of this can support problem solving in arithmetic and reasoning questions.

Their topic for P.E. this term is ball skills which they began by exploring different kinds of balls available for different sports, their shape and relevance to the game for which they are used. They also began looking at the correct positioning of their hands in order to throw and catch a ball with greater accuracy and success.

They have been using paper mache to begin making a variety of different sized turnips to add to the role play corner and displays in the classroom. Once completely dry, they will paint them to add colour and detail.

This week, while the Yrs3/4 were enjoying themselves at Peat Rigg, **Class 2** have been investigating a mining disaster that took place in Trimdon, County Durham in 1882. Through the use of a number of primary sources, including burial registers, first-hand accounts and the official report, the children were able to piece together the unfortunate sequence of events that ended catastrophically for the local community. To enable the children to fully understand the events and drawing on quotes from sources to support their ideas, they drew and modelled them using Plasticene too.
