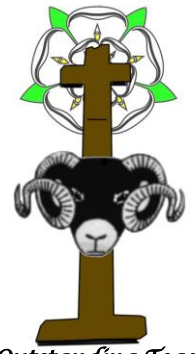




NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

This week **KS1** has continued work on Grace Darling and used different sources of evidence to research her life. The children are keen to make lighthouses next week so any junk modelling materials would be greatly appreciated, especially tubes/cylinders.

In PE we are focusing on Gymnastics and are creating sequences that involve a roll, balance and turn. This week we have enjoyed using the springboard and worked hard to control and land jumps.

Keep up the great work counting in 2s, 10's and learning the corresponding times tables at home. We have seen a big improvement in those that have been practising.

It is swimming on Monday for year 2 children. Please remember swimming kits.

In **KS2** we have been mastering those fractions and in particular what a numerator and denominator tell you and what they mean. Year 6 had a tricky challenge to change $1/7$ and $1/11$ into decimals when you can't automatically change the fraction into a $1/10$ or $1/100$. Please ask.

In English we have been crafting thank you letters that have a twist. The twist being that the present is terrible but you still have to write nicely about it to not hurt the feelings of the letter receiver (audience). Let's just say that some have really understood how to use sarcasm and the letters have some very humorous ideas in them.

We have also been looking at the work of Leonardo da Vinci. He was an autodidact which means he taught himself all that he knew from observing, experimenting and puzzling out the answers. Please ask how he kept his ideas secret from others. Also explain why it was really bad news to be a friend of Leonardo when he was full of flight investigations and experiments.

Five year 4 children (Hattie, Alfie, Emelia, Josh and Edie) were at a Gymnastics competition on Wednesday with Mr Wilson. They had a really nice time and got a chance to show off their skills! We don't know how we did yet as we are waiting for the results but everybody had a great day, well done to our representatives!

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have continued our focus on happiness this week and used the "Town Mouse and Country Mouse" story to help us really think about what makes us happy and how different people find happiness in different things.

VEAT Academy Conversion Update

As far as we know, we are now prepared for Academy conversion on 1st February. We are very excited that this is finally happening and will give us further opportunities to work together to offer a high standard of education for all our children.

Swimming

Please note that there **is** a swimming session on Monday, 19th February but this had been accidentally missed off the list of dates sent out last week. There is now no session on Monday, 26th February due to a

trip to Newcastle (details to follow) so please alter your contributions accordingly. For those who had paid for all the sessions a refund is enclosed.

IMPORTANT – KS2 PUPILS NOT GOING SWIMMING

We need confirmation that your child can swim the necessary 25 metres due to them having private lessons etc. Please could you let us have a copy of their certificate so it can be copied for their file. Thank you.

Next Week

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| Monday | Swimming, afternoon |
| Wednesday | Year 3 Forest Schools, afternoon Netball Club |
| Thursday | Year 6 Booster Class |

News from Glaisdale

This week in English **Class 1** has been looking at the vocabulary used in their story maps. In Maths they have been exploring multiples to support their understanding and rapid recall of times tables. There has been some great success over the weeks with many children now being able to assess their tables more quickly and accurately. In History they have been introduced to the story of St George and the Dragon and in Art they have begun painting their individually designed dragons, a project which will be completed over a number of sessions in order for the children to appreciate the complexity of Art and to develop the stamina and patience of working gradually towards a goal.

On Monday year 2 enjoyed their first swimming session of the term whilst EYFS and Year 1 engaged in a gymnastics session based around control and coordination.

The first Forest School session of the year proved to be a rather snowy event but was still enjoyed by all the children, despite the cold.

This week **Class 2** has begun the writing of a report on Pterosaurs. They have chosen this subject as they were the first creatures, after insects, to take to the skies so seemed a good starting point for their topic on flight. In Maths they have begun focusing on co-ordinates using grids. Science has seen them investigating the force of friction. They have used a bike to determine where they do and do not want friction and have also investigated how to measure the “grip” of their shoes using a force meter. The snow has, of course, provided a perfect example of how to reduce friction.