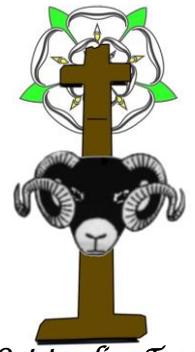




# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

## News from the Classes

**KS1:** A huge welcome to Jasmine who has joined Reception.

This week we have enjoyed exploring electrical circuits and working out how to light up a bulb.

In English we have been focusing on instructions and played barrier games to highlight the importance of clear instructions with imperative (bossy) verbs.

Next Friday we are looking forward to visiting Whitby Lifeboat Station as part of our work on Grace Darling.

**KS2:** Also, welcome to Oscar who has re-joined us in year 5.

In Maths we are beginning to see how those FDB – Fractions, Decimals and Percentages are all connecting together. Mrs Grace was particularly impressed with the Year 6 who had a tricky fraction conversion to do in order to put FDPs into ascending or descending order.

We have finally come to conclusions with Leonardo's parachutes. They were more scientific than ..... don't be Leonardo's friend (please ask!) such as the shape, weight balance needs to work for the parachute to work. Modern parachutes do have holes in for stability – not just to scare you!

In English we have started a book called "My Dad's a Birdman" by David Almond. We looked closely at the front cover and the blurb to get ideas what the story is all about. There were some excellent links to other stories such as Mr Benn, Michael Morpurgo's style and Quentin Blake's illustrations. The book claims to be 'subversive' so we shall read on to find out more.

## Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have been thinking about how "bravery" and "courage" can help us become more resilient. We looked at inspirational people who have demonstrated great courage. The resilient rabbit competition is going well and the entries are looking great. Keep them coming, you have until next Friday.

## Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust (YEAT) - opened 1st February 2018

We are delighted to tell you that we have finally, after numerous setbacks, become the first Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to open in the Whitby area! The links we and Glaisdale have to the other Academies in the Trust (Lealholm, West Cliff and Airy Hill) are already benefitting our schools and therefore your children. We are working together to share good practice and we are linked through a number of different projects to ensure high quality teaching and learning, highly effective systems and management of our schools.

More and more schools are now converting to become Academies and we are very proud that we are able to provide a local solution for schools who may wish to join a MAT.

There are a few admin changes, as follows:-

The School office email address is now: [admin.castleton@yeat.co.uk](mailto:admin.castleton@yeat.co.uk)

Mrs Douglass is: [headteacher.castleton@yeat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher.castleton@yeat.co.uk)

There is now only 1 Bank Account for everything so **all cheques** (including dinner money, trips, swimming, uniform etc) need to be payable to "**Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust**" For parents who sometimes make online payments the details are as follows:-

Account Name: Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust

Account No: 30670368

Lloyds Bank, Scarborough

Sort Code: 30-97-43

**Schools still have their own income codes and school budgets will still be managed as they are now. The single Bank Account allows us to see all the separate school budgets within one Account.**

On a Tuesday Mrs Blacklock will still be working on our behalf but will be based in the YEAT Finance Department at Airy Hill School.

### Lockdown

This week we have practised the emergency procedure called "Lockdown." We talked about it being the response to a problem outside where we all need to immediately go indoors. In fact, it is the opposite of the fire alarm. Everyone was very sensible and came up with ideas on when we may need to use this procedure. There were even suggestions on how we could improve. These will be added to the School Policy document which will be put on the website once it is updated.

### Advance Notice - Trip to Newcastle on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February

A letter will be sent home next week about the trip to Seven Stories at Newcastle on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### Next Week

<b>Monday</b>	Swimming ( <b>could all outstanding first instalments of £9 please be paid on Monday</b> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 3 Forest Schools, afternoon Key Steps 1 Gym Festival, Eskdale School, 1pm (selected children have had letter) Netball Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 6 Booster Class Year 6 E-Safety Presentation at Stokesley School, 6-7pm
<b>Friday</b>	KS1 trip to Whitby Lifeboat Station, morning ( <b>please return slips and payment</b> ) Break up for Half Term

### News from Glaisdale

#### Mr Hutt - Retirement

It is with very mixed feelings that we inform you that Mr Hutt has decided to take early retirement starting 1st May. Mr Hutt has recently had some health problems and this has influenced his decision. He is one of the best teachers we have had the privilege to work with and is absolutely irreplaceable so we won't even try! However, from past experience we know that we will find someone fabulous for your children and they will bring their own skills and expertise to Glaisdale School and make their own very valuable contribution.

We wish Mr Hutt our very best - we all want him to enjoy his retirement to the full, as we are sure you will yourselves. He has lots of interests and will be very busy pursuing them. He will still be seen around school fairly regularly because he has agreed to do some work for the Esk Valley Alliance and Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust, although this will be a non-teaching role.

We will begin recruitment as soon as possible and expect to have a teacher in post for Key Stage 2 by September. In the meantime, Mrs Peacock and Mrs Scholey will provide continuity and ensure your children are well taught and cared for.

This week in English Class 1 has continued their focus on vocabulary, word classes and grammar using their focus text of "How to Train Your Dragon." In Maths they have been working on division using a range of practical apparatus, jottings and mental strategies for solving calculations. Despite a bitterly cold afternoon, the children enjoyed another Forest School session yesterday with a bonfire, hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows to help keep them warm.

This week Class 2 has also begun to look in more detail at the story by David Almond, "My Dad is a Birdman." They have been investigating how the main characters have developed through their actions and interaction and how dialogue is written and used to convey feelings. In Maths they are data handling using a range of chart types including conversion and line graphs, bar charts and pictograms. In Science, they used hoop gliders to focus on investigation and the role of fair testing and variables, while in Art they looked at the use of tone to draw pencil sketches of J F Handel.

Well done to the years 5 and 6 children who took part in the Key Steps 3 Gymnastics at Eskdale on Wednesday. Everyone did really well and whole-heartedly joined in with all the various activities. Also, as usual, their behaviour was a credit to the school.