



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week in **KS1** we have been focusing on identifying and ordering numbers and recognising the place value of each number. We have started our new topic – “Beneath our Feet” and will be focusing on planting and growing and exploring where our food comes from (farm to fork). Our text is “Supertato” which is all about a potato who comes to the rescue when the evil pea is on the rampage.

A reminder for year 1 parents that the children will have a statutory phonics test at the beginning of June. The children have a pack of “alien” and “real” words in their bag which need to be practised regularly at home along with their speed sounds to ensure that they feel confident and prepared.

KS2: Finally we see some sunshine – phew! Mrs Grace shall not wish it for the holidays in the future but it is certainly a relief to see some blue sky. This will set us up for the busy summer term ahead. Please keep up with the reading diaries and any Smurf/times table work that you do as it is so beneficial for the children’s learning.

We had an assessment week this week with fresh brains and once again Mrs Grace has been so impressed with the concentration. Well done everyone for trying your best and giving everything a go. We finished off the Magnificent Machine writing so Mega – Super Blaster 2000s or a variation on the name (please ask).

Happy packing years 3 and 4 – it is so exciting that Peat Rigg is going to be next week. How lovely that we have some nicer weather (last time years 3 and 4 went there was snow!)

On Wednesday afternoon year 4, accompanied by Mr Wilson, were at Caedmon School for the Quad Kids event. Each child competed in 4 events – 400m run, 50m sprint, howler throw and the shot put. In between events, the children also had the opportunity to play tennis, hockey and a number of other activities (including a sack race!) The children really enjoyed themselves and how lovely it was to be outside and doing sports in such beautiful summery weather!

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Sunshine hurray! Thank goodness for some sun, but there is a but with it! Please remember to send named sun hats and sun cream in for the children or, the most sensible thing, would be to apply 12 hour sun cream on at home in the morning before school. The infants, in particular, are likely to take their learning outside as much as possible.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

The focus this week has been on having a positive attitude and we read a story about a donkey who did not give up even when things were against him. Positive thinking is the key to success.

Staffing Updates

Castleton

We are really pleased to tell you that Mr Wilson, who is already a trained teacher, is going to take a lead role in the classroom this term, supported by Mrs Grace, so that he can finish his NQT year. This is a year that all Newly Qualified Teachers need to complete successfully. Mr Wilson has already done two terms of this and we would like to support him to do his final term at Castleton. He will teach some lessons, with Mrs Grace as his 'Teaching Assistant'. The children will continue to receive excellent teaching as usual with the benefit of all the usual adults in the classroom.

Castleton/Glaisdale

We are delighted to tell you that Mr Hutt will be taking on a very different role for two days a week after he 'retires'! He will be doing some project management work for the Esk Valley Alliance and Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust (YEAT). He will work in both Castleton and Glaisdale as required.

Glaisdale

From 1st May Mrs Webster will take on the "Teacher in Charge" role until further notice

Activities which may be of interest

Whitby Area Primary Biathlon on Tuesday

The above is being held next Tuesday (24th April) at Whitby Leisure Centre with registration at 3.30pm for years 4-6 and consists of a 25 metre swim followed by a 400 metres run. There will be a £2 entry fee, payable on the day at registration. If you are interested in taking your child to this please let Mrs Blacklock know on Monday morning and she will check if further entries are still allowed.

Danby Sports Association – Junior Hockey Training – Starting next Tuesday evening

Please see note below received from Danby Hockey Club:-

We are planning fun hockey sessions at Danby Sports Field on Tuesdays at 6pm. We are delighted to have started a small junior section within our club this year who have already participated in a couple of tournaments.

We are keen to introduce children to the game and help them to develop their skills, participate and have fun.

The sessions are open to all, from Tuesday 24th April, 6-7pm and are free.

Football boots are great but not essential, bring shin pads if you have them, sticks provided.

Next Week

Please bring in on Monday any outstanding Sport Relief sponsor money. Thank you.

Important – Film & Football Clubs – please note that Film Club is not continuing on a Monday night and Football Club is now the opposite week to what was in the last Newsletter (not on next week)!

Straws Cup Football Final on Thursday after school

Following on from their success last month, the year 5/6 Federation football team are taking part in the Straws Cup Final, against West Cliff, on Wednesday at Whitby Town's Turnbull Ground at 4.30pm. This is a fantastic achievement for them as they were up against large schools to get this far. We do hope that parents and friends will come and support them next Wednesday!

Monday	Years 3 & 4 to Peat Rigg
Wednesday	Year 5 Forest Schools, here, afternoon Years 3 & 4 return from Peat Rigg Netball Club
Thursday	Year 6 Booster Class Straws Cup Football Final, Turnbull Ground Whitby, 4.30pm

News from Glaisdale

This week has been dominated by assessments in **Class 1** which the children have all taken in their stride as usual. In English, they have had a foretaste of the text they will focus on for this term - an appropriate story for the transition between Spring and Summer, and the growing and changes that this brings with it. The story of The Enormous Turnip will be the text through which Class 1 accesses the school summer topic of "Underground". In maths they have taken time to revisit times tables, number bonds and mathematical symbols to reboot them after the Easter break, whilst they have been putting their art and DT skills to use in creating a new role play corner which links to their focus text and has a distinct farming feel to it.

Although **Class 2** has largely focused on assessments this week, they have also begun work in some other areas. In PE, the children have started work on their netball skills to coincide with the resumption of Netball Club, while in science we enjoyed investigating magnets.

Well done to Ellie Walsh, on coming 1st in the 400m running race in the Quad Kids event, beating girls her age from 16 other schools.