



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

KS1 have been enjoying writing poetry this week inspired by the beautiful garden and the things we have grown, as well as creating a lovely poetry book for Mrs King. We harvested the remainder of our lettuce and some children chose to take some home to enjoy for tea.

This afternoon we gathered in the garden for afternoon tea to say thank you to Mrs King for teaching us for over a year!

KS2 has welcomed Islay into year 4 this week. Well done for learning the songs for Leavers Assembly so quickly! On Tuesday, year 6 went to the Injury Minimisation Programme (IMPS) at Whitby Hospital with Mrs Barrett and came back with plastered fingers!

Thank you all for the final farewell in *Leavers Assembly* this morning for Ben and Daniel moving up to Secondary School and Bel leaving the area. It just goes to show how proud we all are of our Castleton pupils as they make their next steps on in the world. What a bonus to have Alisatair Griffin come and share it with us as well – thank you to Mrs King for organising this! Mrs Thompson also came to say “Goodbye.”

We hope that everyone sleeps well and enjoys the holiday. Do not dream of standing still and no scratching! Look after yourselves so you are ready to start fresh in September.

News from Glaisdale

- It has been all about the end of term in Glaisdale this week and, for some, the end of their time at Glaisdale School. It was, of course, a lovely surprise for the children that Alistair Griffin was able to accompany them while singing “The Road” and also that he sang a special song for the leavers.
- Glaisdale have also said goodbye to Midday Supervisory Assistant, Jenny Webster and thanked her for all her hard work in school and wish her luck for the future.

Mrs King

A huge thank you to Mrs King who has given our infant class some fabulous experiences and been such a great part of our team. Luckily, we are still keeping Mrs King to teach our Juniors as she is such an important part of our school. However, we do need to say goodbye and thank you from the infants! We are very grateful for the stability she has given our school and the children in the class.

PTFA Thanks

Thank you very much to Clare Peacock who has been a very proactive chair of the PTFA and helped to organise events and raise funds for the school. Clare has decided to resign from the PTFA and dedicate her time to her training and her role at Glaisdale School

Thank you also to Nicky Wall who dedicated lots of time as secretary to the PTFA. Nicky is also stepping down from this role.

We are very grateful for the time and effort both Clare and Nicky have given to the school.

If anyone would like to organise anything for the PTFA please let us know. We are happy to have another Chair, if anyone would like this role, but equally happy to leave it as a shared role when people organise events as and when they would like to.

Sports Day

We couldn't have had better weather for the joint Sports Day with Glaisdale last Friday. Thank you all for coming and to Helen Medcalf, in particular, for all her organisation of the sports and also the teachers and assistants for everything they did. Also, thank you to the PTFAs for providing and serving the refreshments which raised £31.

Summer Fair and Art Show

Thank you to everyone for your support at the Summer Fair and Art Show yesterday. It was a lovely afternoon and almost £300 was raised for School Fund.

Updates for 2015-16

Sport

From September, Helen Medcalf is taking on a greater organisational role as our Sports leader. Helen will help us to plan teams for events, help to organise our PE curriculum to include focused sessions to practice for events, and ensure we take advantage of different opportunities so that our children access varied sporting experiences. For example, we have organised MoTIVate sessions for Fridays for our Juniors, and a Box2bfit session. The infants will all have weekly PE sessions with Ultimate Soccer School, as well as the usual swimming and locally arranged events.

At the moment, we are still receiving Sports Funding and we will be using this to employ Helen, fund transport to and from events, pay specialist teachers and for swimming.

Music

Next year, we are aiming to encourage more children to take up a musical instrument or simply to enjoy music.

Mrs Barber has some allocated time to focus on singing. She will do this across both schools and hopefully we will be able to generate enough interest to form a "singing for pleasure" group in each school. If anyone is interested in supporting this, we could do with your help!

Mr Cross will deliver weekly sessions to our Years 3 and 4 (on Fridays when both schools get together) where he will start children off from scratch with a brass instrument, to create an ensemble. He will also promote woodwind instruments every half term and give all children an opportunity to try them out. The years 5 and 6 will be taught music by Mr Hutt and will focus on Ukulele.

Mr Cross will still teach group and individual music lessons. At the moment, we have a list of children interested in learning how to play clarinet, guitar and piano. We will follow these up in September and letters will be sent out to parents who would like their children to receive music lessons. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, or you have any other suggestions, please do let us know.

Week beginning 7th September

Monday	Staff Training Day
Tuesday	Children return to School
Friday	KS2 to Glaisdale School (and every Friday this half term)

Happy Holiday