



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have been training how to be a knight. We looked at armour, designed shields with personalised coats of arms and even had a go at jousting (bouncy hopper style!!)



We have started reading "Small Knight and George" and wrote some fantastic dragon descriptions.

Please could everyone collect boxes and send them in as we are hoping to make 3D Castles in the coming weeks.

Reception

Thank you for all of the observations you have been posting on Tapestry, this is a lovely way to share school/home activities. If you haven't yet activated your account please check your emails as a unique link will be waiting for you (you may need to check in your Junk Folder).

KS2: The What-a-Mess stories are now in their final write up stage. The further adventures of What-a-Mess would certainly impress Frank Muir the original author, especially the descriptive writing.

The children have been working on their calculation strategies this week. The message NO TWIDDLING in subtraction has been getting through because it is totally BANNED (please ask).

We have been getting to know Castleton more geographically by using the OS maps. Google Maps have also helped us to understand the distances from Castleton to other areas.

On Wednesday afternoon Oscar T-F, Harry T, Harry B, Theo, Joseph, Josh, Oscar W, Alfie and James represented the school at the Boys Football competition at Eskdale School. Although we did not win, the boys put on a spirited performance with great resilience for a full one and a half hours. All played an active part and were a credit to the school.

On Thursday morning Edie, Hattie and Alfie had the opportunity to visit the National Literacy Trust Themed Bus at Caedmon School with Mrs Barrett. There was a creating a story challenge from a Stephen Joseph actor and there was a lucky dip book prize at the end, always a plus!

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing: This week we have focused on identifying and understanding different emotions and we are using the characters from the film "Inside Out" to help us.

Attendance: This week's attendance was % **which is a marked improvement on last week but not quite to our target of 97%.**

Reminders

Year 6 Secondary School Open Evenings

- Caedmon College Whitby – Thursday, 11th October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm (both year 6 & year 5 have received invitations)
- Eskdale School – Thursday, 18th October, 4 to 7pm.
- **Harvest Messy Church, Sunday 14th October, 2.30pm**
Further to the information in last week's Newsletter please find flier attached.
- **Whitby & District Rotary Club "Octoberfest" Fun Run, Sunday, 14th October**
Again, further to the information in last week's Newsletter, if you would like to go along with your children to the above event please obtain an Entry Form from Mrs Blacklock on Monday.
- **Harvest Festival, Tuesday, 16th October, Castleton Church, 10am**
As mentioned previously, the idea for the Harvest Festival this year is that the children will bring in items that can be put into a shoebox for the Samaritans Purse appeal. It will be a school activity where we work together to make them up. We will therefore also need empty shoeboxes to use please and if you need a further copy of the list of ideas of items for the shoeboxes then ask Mrs Blacklock.
- **Pantomime Trip – Thursday, 13th December**
Middlesbrough Theatre have confirmed that there is **very limited** availability of seats left so if you would like to join us at the Panto on the morning of 13th December, but make you own way there, please let Mrs Blacklock know on Monday morning so she can get any extra seats booked.

Advance Notices

- **School Photos, Thursday, 18th October, 9am**
Tempest will be here first thing on Thursday, 18th October to take individual/family photographs. As usual, you are welcome to bring younger siblings in. If you have any specific requirements please let us know.
- **"Wear it Pink" Fundraising Day for Breast Cancer, Friday, 19th October**
It would be lovely if everyone could wear something pink to school on Friday, 19th October to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Please can children give any donations to the class teacher.
- **Parents Evenings, Tuesday, 23rd October (Years 1, 2 & KS2) & Thursday 25th October (Reception)**
As usual, lists will be put up in each classroom for you to make appointments nearer the time.

Next Week

Please return all outstanding Consent Forms (Trips and Preferences) on Monday

Monday	Choir after school
Wednesday	Year 3 Forest Schools, afternoon Girls Football at Eskdale School, 1 to 3pm (selected pupils have a letter) KS2 Homework Club after school
Thursday	KS1 Forest Schools, afternoon Fitness Club after school Caedmon College Whitby Open Evening, 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday	Music lessons and recorders