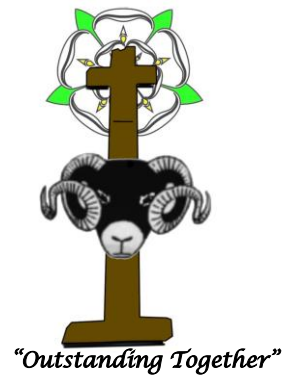




NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week in **KS1** we have been exploring floating and sinking and deciding which materials would be the best for life jackets.

In English we have been writing instructions for our disgusting sandwiches that we designed and have made Mrs Grinling a recipe book with all our recipes in to help her stop the seagulls eating the lunch.

Four children (Pearl, Betsy, Ned and our last minute stand-in Toby!) went with Mrs Barrett to the Key Step 1 Gymnastics at Eskdale School on Wednesday afternoon. They had a very energetic time and all really enjoyed the activities.

Thank you for everyone's continued support. Have a great half term.

KS2: In English we have been looking closely at the character of Dad in "My Dad's a Birdman." We have discovered that he is acting rather strangely. As well as tweeting he is (please ask.) The Big question is, why? We have started to look at mental health and how people can have problems with the brain for all sorts of reasons. It does seem like Dad has problems with his brain at the moment which is why Lizzie is having to be his carer. We will look further into this issue, especially through the characters from the film "Inside Out."

In History we have looked at the developments of the Hot Air Balloon and the very brave inventors who were prepared to experiment with this new and dangerous form of travel. It wasn't humans who were the first to fly however, it was (please ask).

This half term, year 3 from Glaisdale have been coming on a Wednesday afternoon to do Forest Schools with our year 3. They have focussed on learning to tie stopper knots, slip knots and reef knots and have used these to make structures to support their own bodyweight like rope swings. They have also used their skills to make objects of their own choosing. They have been thinking about working as a group to solve challenges and to describe how an activity makes them feel. They also baked bread on an open fire on the final session – it was delicious!!

Next half term it is the turn of year 4s to do Forest Schools here on a Wednesday afternoon. Children are allowed to come to school in their forest school clothes.

Have a really good half term everyone. Fingers crossed for some relaxing sunshine.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

As part of internet safety week we focused on online safety and were impressed with the children's top tips. A great website to help teach children about online safety is: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5-7/hectorsworld>

Lost Uniform

Please could everyone check that their children have their correct uniform items as a number of things have gone missing as follows:-

- 2 x age 5-6 sweatshirts

- Age 11-12 (or larger) sport hoodie, sweatshirt and cardigan

Advance Notice - World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday, 1st March but we will celebrate it on **Tuesday, 27th February** (following on from our trip to Seven Stories on the Monday) by having a Roald Dahl dress up day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl character.

Week Beginning 19th February

Monday	Swimming
Wednesday	Year 4 Forest Schools, afternoon. Netball Club
Thursday	KS1 Forest Schools, morning Year 6 Booster Class
Friday	Years 5 & 6 Indoor Kwik Cricket, 1-3pm, Whitby Leisure Centre. A letter will be sent out on Monday, 19th February.

News from Glaisdale

This week in English, **Class 1** has been looking further into the thoughts and feelings of the main character in "How to Train your Dragon" and how these establish him at the onset of his journey to becoming a Viking hero. In Maths they have extended their work on division into the areas of fractions, looking at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of numbers using a variety of practical apparatus, such as cubes and Numicon and formulating their own various jottings. Geography has been focusing on Glaisdale within the wider world during which they have compared villages, towns and cities and explored the differences between counties, countries and continents, as well as what distinguishes Great Britain from the United Kingdom. The Art work on dragons has been completed with the children producing some wonderfully detailed and colourful pictures to help decorate their dragon's cave.

This week in Literacy **Class 2** has looked at the role of determiners in a sentence, including knowing whether to use "a" or "an" as the indefinite article. They have also looked at the use of semi-colons to separate closely related clauses along with the auxiliary "helper" verbs "to be" and "to have." In Maths they have continued with data in the form of pictograms, bar charts, line and pie charts. In Art they looked at the use of tone to draw pencil sketches of G F Handel. They have also looked at the incredible art and inventiveness of Leonardo de Vinci, who was a man clearly ahead of his time.