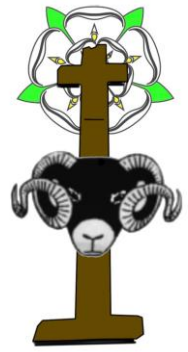




Glaisdale Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

Class 2

This week we have enjoyed the company of the new Year 3 children in the classroom, where they have participated in lessons on mental maths, story writing, French and PSE. In the story writing session the children wrote about the journey down a river from the point of view of a drop of water, which generated some very entertaining ideas. We also had another go at bridge building, this time lifting the bridge over a 10cm high railway line. In addition to this we used the grassy path to create some Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork which everyone, staff included, enjoyed.

Class 1

This week in maths, we have been drawing to a close our work on reading and understanding word problems. In English, we have been evaluating our stories in terms of content and entertainment value for readers and comparing this to discussions with Anthony Wootten on his writing of fiction books. We have also been preparing for the leaver's assembly, practising our story map and readings to perform in front of attending adults.

Our Science work has looked at what plants need to survive and grow, using the results of investigations set up when we planted our beans which showed how varying environments affect growth, e.g. only water, only soil, no light, etc. In Geography, we explored the different rivers around the world, focusing on those classed as major rivers, before looking at our local river, The Esk. We linked together this work and our history work with a walk to Beggar's Bridge to learn about its origins and the folktales which surround it. Of course, this included the obligatory ice cream stop, as well. Afterwards, as part of our D.T. work, we tried our hand at building our own bridges using a variety of construction kits and focusing on structure and stability.

Year 2 children spent another two enjoyable days with the juniors this week, getting to know the routines ready for their move in September. In the meantime, the rest of Class 1 practised being Year 1 and Year 2 children. On Tuesday, our new starters joined us for another taste of life at school, staying for lunch and spending an enjoyable afternoon making sunflowers. We look forward to them becoming permanent members of our class in September.

Diary dates for the week commencing 17th July 2017

- Mon 17th: Sports Day at the quarry: 1pm-3pm
Tues 18th: KS2 – River Walk - am
Relax Kids Club after school
Wed 19th:
Thurs 20th: Special Leavers meal and end of year party
Netball Club after school
Fri 21st: Leaver's Assembly – 10.30am
End of Term picnic at lunchtime

Parents Evening – Monday 17th July 2017

Just a reminder that after Sports Day on Monday afternoon, there will be an opportunity for you to come into School to see your child's/children's work. If you returned your form stating that you wished to see a teacher too, then they will be available.

Bonus Ball winner – As on 8/7/17 – Claire Gallon – 25

Please note that bonus ball money is now due – before 4th August. Payments can be made with cash, cheque or direct to the bank. Please see Gemma Brew if you have any queries about your payment.

Whitby & Moors Children's Centre Activities

The Whitby & Moors Children's Centre, based at Byland Road, Whitby, is planning lots of activities this summer for local families with children of all ages – such as fun days, treasure hunt, trips, play sessions and more. All activities are either FREE or very low cost. To receive a free copy of their newsletter please phone 01609 533819 or email whitbyandthemoorscc@northyorks.gov.uk

Family Fun Day - Thursday 27th July, 1pm – 4pm @ Whitby & The Moors Children's Centre

Includes Morely's Exotic Animals, games, crafts, games, emergency services and more! All ages welcome with a parent/carer.

Whitby Cricket Club Coaching – 8th to 10th August 2017

Whitby Cricket Club are running 3 coaching days on Tuesday, 8th to Thursday, 10th August from 10am to 3pm. This is for children aged 5-14 years and cost is £10 per child per day. If you would like further information, or to book, please contact Mike Stones on 01947 604451.

News from Castleton

We were incredibly lucky with the weather last Friday for the Moorland Learning Day as the day before the trip were those incredible storms! We learnt about how the moors are managed, protected and looked after. It is all part of our local economy. The gamekeepers taught us about grouse management and how they rotate the heather growing so the moors stay healthy. We also learnt about policing, farming and the moorland birds. The sky larks were certainly telling us off and so were the peewits.

KS1: What a fantastic time we had on the railway on Monday. We didn't let the rain stop us and enjoyed our journey on the Esk Valley Line and then the steam train up to Goathland, comparing the old and new transport. We followed the River Esk and were delighted to see Beggars Bridge as we went past, it's amazing what you notice out of the window and it made us realise what a beautiful part of the country we live in. After a yummy ice cream we joined Goathland School for some "train" related activities and enjoyed making some new friends. A great experience for everyone.

The new starters joined us for forest schools on Thursday and enjoyed exploring the woods, building fires and even toasting marshmallows. We look forward to them joining us in September.

If you would like to discuss your child's Report and progress on Wednesday, please indicate this on the slip sent home with the Report and return on Monday, if you haven't already done so.

KS2: We have been busy this week preparing for the Art Show and Summer Fair. We do hope you are all coming to see the lovely artwork and to support the Summer Fair on Tuesday afternoon.

Antony Wootten entertained us all on Wednesday telling us about his books. He told us about how he writes and the inspirations for his books. He then gave us ideas on how to create our own adventure stories.