



'Learn, Inspire, Flourish, Engage'

FRIDAY NEWS

9th March 2018



FA Coaching sessions in action this week

Mrs Kirwin's Kind Requests/News

- Class 5 Consent forms for WW1 Concert to be returned.
- Yr 6 Crucial crew payment and consent forms to be returned.
- Yr 5 and 6 Paracetamol/ Ibuprofen consent forms for Marrick Priory to be returned.

Dates

- 12.03.18 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 13.03.18 Class 2 Open Assembly 9.00am
- 13.03.18 Year 6 Crucial Crew
- 14.03.18 Friends Coffee Morning
- 14.03.18 Class 4 Italian Day
- 14.03.18 NSPCC Collection returned
- 14.03.18 X-Country KS2
- 16.03.18 Class 2 Swimming
- 19-21 March Y5's at Marrick Priory
- 21-23 March Y6's at Marrick Priory

Dear Children, Parents and Staff

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and support during the recent snowy and icy weather we encountered. For four years since taking my position as Headteacher I have waited for proper snow and finally it arrived! A big thank you to Bela for clearing the site and Mrs Kirwin for texting and emailing daily information out to everyone. It sounds like the children enjoyed their time in the snow!

Thank you for your understanding with having to postpone parents evening last week. The staff have held appointments on two consecutive evenings this week. Please let the office know if you haven't managed to make an appointment on either of these opportunities.

This week the NSPCC revisited school to work with our Year 5 and 6 children around personal safety and the role of the NSPCC. The workshops and school support are all supplied to school free of charge. We have sent home donation envelopes from the NSPCC should you wish to contribute any loose change to this worthy charity. Please can donations be returned to school by Wednesday 14th March - thank you!

The children had their first FA Football coaching sessions this week with Ben. Everyone enjoyed working with him and the staff started their FA coaching training during the lessons. Ben was very complimentary about our children and the way they approached their sessions. It was great to see a number of girls in school taking the opportunity to join the KS1 lunchtime club and the KS2 after school club. We have some really good and competitive players amongst us! Next week we welcome Andrea Hayes, our NYCC School Improvement Adviser visiting school on Monday to observe learning and work with me to review our school progress. The Friends will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday at 9.00am for anyone wanting to come and chat over refreshments after school drop off. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Barry

Charity Breakfast

The School Council would like to thank everyone for their support with the fundraising breakfast, we are pleased to announce that a whopping £400 was raised which will go towards resources for our wildlife area.

Easter Egg Raffle

The School Council would also like to kindly ask for any Easter eggs to be donated from next week (Monday 12th March) for our annual Easter Egg Raffle.

Mothering Sunday service

On Sunday 11th March, there will be a Mothering Sunday service at 1030 at Bradley Methodist Church where the Sunday School will be baking and decorating gifts for their mums which will be given out to mums and grandmas throughout the service.

Easter Messy Church

On Sunday 25th March, it will be Easter Messy Church at Bradley's Methodist Church from 3pm - 5pm. All welcome.

Airton Class 1:

This week we have been finding out all about the famous explorer 'Captain James Cook'. We have learnt about his ship 'The Endeavour', which ocean he sailed on and the lands which he discovered. For your homework, I have asked you to find out a little bit more about him please. In maths, we have revisited the topic of money. We have added together two amounts to find a total and then tried to identify the coins which we would need. We will continue with money next week because we have found this quite tricky. We are really enjoying P.E at the moment, using the benches and small apparatus to balance and travel on. Next week, we will move on to the large apparatus to practise our climbing. We have begun our topic of 'Spring' this week too...thank goodness the snow had all disappeared before we went out to try and spot signs of spring!

I have sent home a list of High Frequency Words for reception and year 1 children (as discussed at parent's evening). The list of words is for your child to recognise on-sight by the end of the academic year...but there's no harm in giving them a head start! Your child will need to be able to spell many of these words by the end of the year too, and be able to use them in their writing. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend everyone. We hope all the mummies are looked after on Sunday!

Pupil of the week: Wilkin, for improved concentration in class.

Maths Maestro: Jack, for good coin recognition & learning to count out correctly using pennies.

Cracoe Class 2:

Thankfully a week without any snow causing any problems! We have had a week of poetry, looking at the poem In The Giant's Rucksack. We came up with things that we would keep in our own rucksack and wrote our poem in the same style as the original one. In numeracy we have looked at 3D shapes. Some of us have been on shape hunts around school, looking for both 2D and 3D shapes. We have looked at the shape properties and moved onto looking at symmetry within shapes and patterns. We had great fun on Tuesday afternoon carrying out a waterproof investigation. We had to make sure it was a fair test by using the same amount of water each time. We've been working as a team in P.E., encouraging each other to try our best in our team games and races. Swimming was great fun this morning; everyone worked hard and did really well.

Pupil of the week: Samuel, for offering lots of answers during carpet sessions and working hard in all subjects.

Maths Maestro: Finn, for a great understanding of 2D and 3D shapes.

Farnhill Class 3:

After a 5-day weekend due to the hysteria from Siberia last week, the class were ready to come back to school on Monday. This week we have been working so hard to complete our stories which are very impressive. Later in the week, we've been using our computing skills to type up and publish (print) our stories as part of our Big Write. Next week, in English we start our new topic. In mathematics, the children have been learning the digital 24-hour clock and understanding a.m. and p.m. as well as converting a 12-hour clock to a 24-hour clock. Also in mathematics, we learnt how some clocks use roman numerals then unpicked to the letters to write and tell the times shown. In science, we've been learning about different skeleton types that animals including humans have such as endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons which I hope that children will be able to recall and tell you all about. In geography this week, we have been learning how tectonic plates move and how volcanoes are formed, erupt and naming the different parts as part of our extreme earth topic. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Maths Maestro: Lara, for writing and telling the time accurately.

Pupil of the week: Jessica, for her accelerated progress and excellent story writing.

Linton Class 4:

We have packed a lot into this week: we started the week with a fun science investigation making good use of the snow. We investigated freezing, melting and thermal insulators. We used thermometers to measure the temperature of melting snow over time and found the best place in the classroom to melt the snow quickly. We also designed thermal insulators to stop the snow from melting; there was a very creative use of materials. This work was then used in English to write an explanation text. In maths we have learnt to multiply and divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000 and extended this by multiplying money. In Geography we continued to learn about volcanoes and mountains in Italy, to draw Italian buildings and cook pizzas! In Computing the first group learnt to use spreadsheets and use a formula to add data. Next week, on Wednesday we will be having an Italian day and we would like to have an "Italian Feast" at the end of the afternoon. School will provide some food, but if you would like to make a little contribution of Italian style food to share, sweet or savoury we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Pupil of the week: Eddie, for an in depth science investigation.

Maths Maestro: Thomas, for working hard in maths.

Grassington Class:

After our unscheduled break, we have lots of work to catch up on. Apologies for the strange dates on the homework, but everything was photocopied at the beginning of the 'snow week' and we don't want to waste paper. Everyone has worked hard on getting to grips with percentages, fractions and decimals and we have just started to look at algebra-some people have actually said that it's not as hard as it looks.

In literacy we are starting to plan our mystery stories and hoping to include some of the suspense techniques we have been learning about. We looked at, and discussed, some very mysterious pictures earlier in the week and came up with some amazing ideas for what could have happened-now we need to shape these into our stories.

We had great fun in science when we had to compete with each other to see how much food (polystyrene balls) we could gather increasing the number of people each time. This was to show how animals have evolved in order to survive when there is a large population but limited amount of food. We also looked at camouflage as a means of survival by designing our own patterned beetles.

Maths Maestro: Ben, for working with a good attitude.

Pupil of the Week: Harrison, for a science experiment on evolution.