

“The roots to grow
and the wings to fly”



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Headteacher's Message

We had another super week in school last week. I really enjoyed going around the classrooms and talking to everyone about what they've been learning. I saw dancing, planting, building, playing, counting, writing, programming and a lot more besides. It was also lovely to see everyone making the most of our school field on the few dry and sunny lunchtimes we had.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who were able to join us for our Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon. We hope you enjoyed finding out what everyone had been up to and celebrating our achievements with us. We're very much looking forward to seeing parents/carers of **Classes 1 and 3 on Friday 26th April**. At 2.45 the green gate on the KS2 side of the school will be open to allow you to come and sit at the back of the hall. Please do not come through the main entrance. The children will return to class at the end (3.10pm) and can be collected as usual. We look forward to inviting parents of **EYFS and Class 2 next Friday 3rd May**.

Lastly, we have had an email from a local farmer who is concerned about our children's safety. He is worried about children playing unsupervised on fields around the village. There is risk from large moving machinery but also from exposure to the chemicals that have been sprayed on some of the crops. He is also concerned about children accessing private land without permission. I will speak to all the children about this in school but I wanted to make you aware of his concerns so that you can have a conversation about this at home, if you feel that it's appropriate.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have continued our learning on growing. We have learned the names for the different parts of a plant. We explored what happens to daffodils after they have died back, looking for the bulbs in the plant pot. In maths Reception have started learning about numbers 11-20. We have made these numbers with numicon and blocks, looking at the tens and ones that make the numbers. Nursery children have been looking at position in maths. In RE we have learned about the Church building in our work on Special Places

Class 1

Class 1 have been really enjoying the provision areas in the classroom and have completed some amazing work independently. Everyone has particularly enjoyed their art work this week, making a worry doll using pipe cleaners and wrapping them with wool and completing a page in their art books all about worry dolls. It has been fantastic to see such creativity and perseverance.

Class 2

This week in class 2 we have had a fantastic week. In Science with Mrs McKelvey we investigated different materials to see which ones would make the best ear defenders. In English we have read our new class text - The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson - and looked in depth at some of the main characters. In History this week we created a timeline of the Anglo Saxon and Viking struggle for Britain, right up to the battle of Hastings in 1066. We were really excited this week to go to The Theatre Royal in Newcastle to see the stage production of The Wizard of Oz. We all absolutely loved the production and seeing the play performed with a full orchestra was really special.

Class 3

Class 3 have had a busy but fantastic week! In science, they have been setting up their own experiments with mentos and coca cola. The children have also been learning about French culture, signing the tricolour song and learning about significant places, rivers, mountain ranges and the countries that France borders. Class 3 have created a timeline of significant events in ancient Greece and then learnt about some famous Greek people that influenced our lives today. We have also constructed two towers (made of Lego and straws) to represent the parable of the wise and the foolish builders. We learnt about how Christians believe listening to Jesus will give us strong foundations for our lives.



Ribbon awards

Celebrating our Success

The Values Award



Molly nominated Harriet for perseverance because when she was skipping and she couldn't do it, she kept on trying.

EYFS	This week the ribbon goes to Zach for his perseverance. Zach has made amazing progress in his writing. He is able to independently write simple sentences using his phonics knowledge. Well done Zach!
Class 1	The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to Alice for having such a super attitude towards her learning. She is becoming a super confident learner with great resilience, taking on new challenges and not giving up! Keep up the great work Alice.
Class 2	The ribbon in Class 2 this week goes to someone who has worked very hard this week. They have listened well in class and produced some of their best work. It was also lovely to see them look on in awe at the theatre. Well done Alex S.
Class 3	The ribbon is going to Katie this week for her excellent writing in English when introducing a setting and character into her narrative. She has used some fantastic vocabulary and thought about how to build tension in her writing.

Attendance last week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100%	100%	99%	96%

Did you know...
98% attendance = 5 half days absent a year
90% attendance = 35 half days absent a year

Class photographs are tomorrow
Tuesday 23rd April

PE Days
EYFS: Friday
Class 1 : Wednesday and Thursday
Class 2: Monday and Friday
Class 3: Monday and Wednesday



Donate Your Children's Outgrown Shoes



Do you have any unwanted pairs of children's shoes? Sal's Shoes is a charity based in Kent that to date, have organised 5 million pairs of children's shoes to be donated to 61 countries worldwide, including the UK.

If you would like to pass on any children's shoes please take the time to ensure:

- The shoes are outgrown but not outworn
- Don't have holes in the soles
- Don't have heels
- Have laces if they need them
- Have had a quick clean & are rubber banded in pairs

The charity asks for a £1 donation per pair for the journey the shoes set off on to find their new feet. If you can spare this it would be appreciated.

Please bring them to the school office on **any Friday during the Summer term** and Mr & Mrs Muir will organise onward postage.

The Go-To For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

Attached to this newsletter is a information about 'The Go-To' a North Yorkshire website to signpost families towards support for young people's mental health.

Dates for your diary

May 2024	
6/5/24	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for the day
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 SAT week
20/5/24	EYFS Forest School afternoon (plus 3 rd and 10 th June)
24/5/24	Break-up May half-term

Please don't forget to collect your spare change and bring it into school for our PTA Fundraising Commemorating D-Day 80th Anniversary

The aim is to raise over £80.00.
The class that raises the most by the 17th May 2024, will receive a portion of the funds to spend on whatever they wish and a donation will go to the Royal British Legion.

