# NEWSLETTER 31 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

"The roots to grow and the wings to fly"



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#### Headteacher's Message

It was fantastic to see the sunshine last week and see the children playing out on our field building grass houses, playing football and chatting in the shade. Let's hope it continues.

Our Year 6s had a really busy week completing their final preparation for their SATs which start today. Attached to this newsletter is an information leaflet produced by the Department for Education, in case you'd like to find out more about what SATs are and what is involved.

Mrs Chaplin will be on morning gate duty this week as I help support in Class 3 each morning.

We are so proud of all of our Year 6s and the progress they have made but it was lovely to see the PSHCE video that they made that shared all their achievements that can't be measured by a national test. We look forward to sharing this with families at our leaver's assembly at the end of term.

Finally, parents and carers of Reception children please watch out in your emails for a letter about Balance Bike Training Sessions that will take place every Monday from the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

What have we been learning this week?		
EYFS	Class 1	
This week in Early Years we have continued our work on the book "The Extraordinary Gardener". We have written letters to Joe, telling him how he can make his world more beautiful. In maths, nursery children have been learning about 3 D shapes and reception have been learning about rotating 2D shapes. In art we have made our own printing roller using string and tubes to start our meadow painting artwork.	We have had another great week in Class 1. We are all having a great time in the provision, making books is very popular, and learning the things that we are interested in. In the Geography area this week children have been inspired to write with the addition of sea creatures and information books linked to our learning about Oceans. We have had books about sharks, penguins, jellyfish, whales and much more! It is fabulous to see the excitement and the sense of achievement from everyone.	
Class 2	Class 3	
This week in Class 2 we have had a busy week again. In Geography we compared urban and rural areas in the UK, looking at cities and countryside. In Music we listened to Blackbird by The Beatles and compared it to the modern cover version by Beyonce. We then learnt to sing the song and performed as a whole class. In Maths Year 4 have completed their Time unit and moved onto shape while Year 3 have been looking at hours in a day and days in a month. In English we have been examining feelings and emotions, using 'show not tell' to inform the reader of how a character feels. We really enjoyed our PE lesson, looking at the mechanics of bowling in cricket.	Class 3 have worked incredibly hard this week. We have been learning about shape, position and direction in maths, translating and reflecting shapes. They have studied the Tour de France in French, learning about the different colours of maillot and the time it takes to complete the race. We have looked at the key features of Gospel texts, understanding that this means 'Good news' in RE and looked at what good news we had received in the past year. In art, we have started to construct our light boxes, using colour and light to create sculpture.	



#### Ribbon awards

## Celebrating our Success

EYFS	This week the ribbon goes to Monty. Monty has gained lots of confidence in writing independently, using his knowledge of sounds. Well done Monty.
Class 1	The ribbon for Class 1 this week goes to Edward. He has been working incredibly hard and made fantastic progress with his writing. Edward is using his phonics knowledge confidently to write words and is able to use finger spaces confidently. Keep up the great work Edward.
Class 2	The ribbon this week goes to Alex R. Alex has been working really hard this week on his presentation and handwriting. He has listened carefully in all lessons and has been offering great suggestions in whole class sessions. Well done Alex.
Class 3	The ribbon is going to Charlotte for her excellent effort in her writing and her maths work. She is focussed during lessons and is facing challenges confidently with a positive attitude for learning! Well done, Charlotte.

### The Values Award



Felicia nominated Charlie for his shining example of perseverance. In Maths he always helps people and when he gets stuck he perseveres and gets the right answer. Well done Charlie.

#### Attendance last week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97%	89%	99%	95%
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#### Did you know?

There are 190 days in a typical school year which leaves 175 days not in school to go on holiday, attend appointments and enjoy important family time.

Friday Celebration Assembly Dates		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS and class 2	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 1 and class 3	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS and class 2	

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall.

We look forward to welcoming you.

#### LAST CHANCE TO DONATE YOUR SPARE **CHANGE!**

Please bring this week for our PTA Fundraising

Commemorating D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary The aim is to raise over £80.00.

The class that raises the most by the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter is an online safety advice sheet produced by the National College This week is advice about YouTube. Did you know? In school we have a firewall called 'Smoothwall' provided by the local authority which filters what our children in school can get access to on the internet.





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See who can build the widest brick bridge that can hold a toy car, in 15 minutes. Have fun togethe



To enter, post a photo of your family creations, together with the width of the bridges. Email your photos, together with an adult's name, date of birth and postcode to: MultiplyTeam@northyorks.gov.uk

# Summer dates for your diary



May 2024			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May 3.30pm	Class 3 Residential Parent/Carer Meeting		
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED - Half term		
June 2024			
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 3 Residential		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Check week		
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 14th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week		
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Training Day		
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June 4pm	Reception new starters meeting		
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Outwood Academy Easingwold Year 6 Transition days		
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2pm & 6pm	Class 3 Production of Oliver		
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability		
July 2024			
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Boroughbridge High School Year 6 Transition days		
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception new starters transition morning		
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July morning	Ripon Cathedral Year 6 Leavers Service		
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July afternoon	Sports Day (no celebration assembly)		
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Thirsk High School Year 6 Transition days		
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception new starters transition morning		
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year School Reports sent home Alternative Sports Day date		
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July morning	Leavers Assembly		
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm	School closes for Summer (no After School Club, celebration assembly at 2.10)		