

# NEWSLETTER 38 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024



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“The roots to grow  
and the wings to fly”

## Headteacher's Message

It was a really busy week in school last week. On Monday John from the North Yorkshire library service visited school to talk to the children about the Summer reading challenge. This year the theme is 'Marvellous Makers' and the challenge starts on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Anyone aged between 4 and 11 can take part. To register you just need to go along to your local library and if you're not a member then you can join for free! On Wednesday we took part in a very special online assembly hosted by 'Picture News' the resource that we use for our weekly current affairs assemblies. They organised this special Olympic assembly which was presented by Paralympian Stef Reid and was attended by 427,343 children across the United Kingdom. The children really enjoyed taking part and learning about her blade and her inspiring story.

On Friday Miss Ungerechts and I took our Year 6 children to Ripon Cathedral for a very special leaver's service. We joined with 38 other primary schools from the local area to take part in their annual leavers service of thanksgiving. Each school had the opportunity to contribute to the service and we were asked to deliver a part of the reading. It was a wonderfully uplifting experience and the children all left with a wooden cross as a reminder of God's love and faithfulness.

Also on Friday was our Sports Day. It was a wonderful afternoon that children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. It was fantastic to see so much sporting talent on show but also so much compassion and support for each other being displayed. It was a really lovely opportunity to get the whole school community together at the end of the school year and see so many family members really enjoying watching the children. Thank you for your support.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

This week in Early Years we have been making maps based around the story "How to Find a Fruit Bat". We have been thinking about our favourite memories from this school year and have been drawing and writing about these memories. In PE we were practising our races for sports day – what a super afternoon we had on Friday!

### Class 1

We have had a fantastic week preparing for sports day, and absolutely loved cheering everyone on! Year 1 children are enjoying their work on telling the time and have been using time vocabulary to explain before and after, they have been getting to know the clock face by making their own clocks and watches and are really ready to learn how to tell the time next week. Year 2 children have been recapping lots of different skills during their maths lessons, this week they have focussed on money and place value, solving problems and explaining their thinking. We have also planned our soups for the different seasons in our DT lessons and are looking forwards to making them next week.

### Class 2

In Class 2 this week we have completed our diary entries for our whole class text "Bill's new frock". We looked at how Bill's feelings and perceptions towards other people changed throughout the story. In History we looked at different aspects of Viking day to day life and researched different topics. In our Maths learning we have been completing investigations to consolidate our learning from throughout the year. We really enjoyed taking part in sports day on Friday where everyone put in such a fantastic and determined performance, showcasing our school values of perseverance and respect.

### Class 3

Class 3 have been full of creativity this week! They have looked at evaluating different types of samosas linked to our DT topic (celebrating culture and seasonality). Y6 have been practising the leavers ceremony for Ripon cathedral on Friday morning. We have also enjoyed practising sports day races in PE. The children have taken time to write memories from this year at school.



## Ribbon awards

# Celebrating our Success

## The Values Award



<b>EYFS</b>	This week the ribbon goes to Daisy, for always trying her very best in everything that she does. She is a kind and considerate friend who is always ready to learn.
<b>Class 1</b>	The ribbon for class 1 this week goes to Oliver B for really working to improve his concentration and perseverance. Oliver has really worked hard to improve his participation in lessons and to complete the classroom challenges. He is really enjoying his learning. Well done Oliver!
<b>Class 2</b>	The ribbon this week goes to Harriet. Harriet always shows a focus and determination in her learning and is always happy to help others if they need it. She is a great friend and a fun, happy person to have in the classroom, well done Harriet.
<b>Class 3</b>	The ribbon is going to Hollie for her excellent work ethic even towards the end of this year. She is a fantastic example of a determined Y6 at our school. Well done, Hol.

Charlie nominated Isabelle for respect because at playtimes she always high-fives us if we lose and she is a great friend.

### Attendance last week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
93.6%	95.6%	95%	98.2%

All pupils should have a minimum of 95% attendance, and any child with less than 90% is recorded as a persistent absentee. If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Lacey through the school office.

**Moving Up**  
Are you the parent of a child that is changing school in September? There are free courses from Early Help to support you. Families can access them free of charge using the NYFAMILIES code. [inourplace | Solihull Approach – Moving up](#)

Friday Celebration Assembly Dates	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 1 and class 3
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS and class 2 Celebration assembly at 2.10 <b>School closes at 2.30</b> <b>No After School Club</b>
The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall. <b>We look forward to welcoming you.</b>	

**Unlocking Autism Course**  
Early Help have sent through details of a training course that North Yorkshire offer about Autism. It is an online programme that covers Autism, Communication, Sensory differences, Resilience and Behaviour. If you would like to find out more follow this link [Unlocking Autism for practitioners, Parents and carers of young people | NYES Info.](#)

**Polite Request**  
Please make sure that you have paid all outstanding owed money for lunches or wrap around care to the school office before the end of term.  
Mrs McBride has huge job to balance the books at the end of the year and it makes it much easier if she has received all your payments!

### Safeguarding

Attached to this newsletter is an online safety advice sheet produced by the National College. This week is advice supporting children to deal with upsetting content.

Please ensure that your child has a **sun hat**, is protected by **sun cream** and has a **refillable water bottle** with them when they come to school.



### Summer Dates for your Diary - July 2024

<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reception new starters transition morning New class transition morning	
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year School Reports sent home	
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July morning</b>	Leavers Assembly 9.15am	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm</b>	School closes for Summer (no After School Club, celebration assembly at 2.10)	