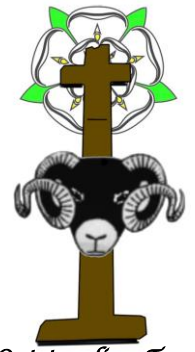




NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

Both classes had a Forest School session yesterday when they enjoyed being outside and observing the changes as Autumn slips into Winter. They used some forest tools to start making Christmas crafts. Thank you for sending the children in with lots of warm layers, one or two may need another layer or two for the session next week, they will know who they are!

Last Friday, **KS1** had a great day hunting for the Gruffalo in Crow Wood at Danby Moors Centre! We developed our map skills and found all the clues. We especially enjoyed working with Class 1 from Glaisdale and some lovely new friendships were formed. What a great day!

This week we have been working on subtraction in Maths and wrote some fantastic sea poems in English. We were excited to start practising our school play and the children now have their parts to be learning. The songs are very catchy!

KS2: Welcome to Andy Wilson our new Advanced Teaching Assistant. He has settled in really well and is learning the names of all the children very quickly. He will be an excellent asset in helping the children to learn, especially with his educational knowledge, background and understanding of children's learning.

Year 3 "Passport to the World", Maths Morning, at Egton Village Hall was a great opportunity for the children to mix with the other local schools and to work on maths challenges and problem solving. At first, Miss Webster said they were a bit reluctant to chat with other children but by the end of the morning they were working and talking with others to solve the maths problems. Well done to Josh C who cracked a particularly tricky problem because he kept working at it until he found the answer. That is exactly the resilience and learning attitude we want as this means children are prepared to puzzle out the answers and try out solutions until they have the answer. Thank you to Miss Webster for going with the children. Year 4 are going next Tuesday morning.

We have begun to look at a Yoruba creation story as this matches with the work we are doing with Africa. We were intrigued by the God who brought a chicken down from heaven to help him to create the Earth, please ask! There were definitely some similarities with the Christian Creation story, but also some differences, especially the chicken.

In maths it is multiplication and division and how the two are linked together by the inverse. What is really good is that if you know one fact you can gain others by manipulating the numbers. This can be for inverse but also for doubling to get other facts.

Well done to those who are well on their way to learning their lines, it makes play rehearsals so much easier. Everyone please keep working on them as it will mean we have a fantastic whole school show. Costume requests will be on their way very soon so we have time to resource all the strange panto needs!

Parent and Pupil Questionnaires

Please find enclosed the annual Questionnaires. We would be very grateful if you could help your children to complete their own and return them all to school by **Friday, 25th November**.

WHISH (Whitby Hidden Impairments Support and Help)

WHISH is a parent-led support group for families in the Whitby area with an interest in Hidden Impairments. Please see the enclosed, which lists the type of impairments (children do not need to have an official diagnosis before they and their parents can access WHISH) together with a list of November activities. We also have leaflets in school, if you would like one, for more information.

PTFA Thanks

Thank you to Nicky and Graham Wall for organising a “Beaujolais Nouveau Day” raffle yesterday at The Board which raised £83.50 for the PTFA.

Netball and Football After School Clubs

Netball Club will continue on Wednesdays after school but may take place in the Village Hall, depending on the weather etc.

Today is the last Football Club and it will not start again until sometime in the New Year.

Next Week

Monday	Sumdog Club
Tuesday	Year 4 “Passport to the World” Maths Morning at Egton Village Hall, 9.30 to 11.30am
Wednesday	Netball Club
Thursday	Forest Schools – KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon Netball League second round, Glaisdale School, 1.15 to 3.15pm

News from Glaisdale

This week, **Class 1**, have been undertaking their assessments which, unavoidably, could not be carried out last week but, as usual, they approached them in a positive way. A special “well done” to the younger children who had to keep noise levels to a minimum at time. In words, they have looked at distinguishing between letter sounds and names, as well as recognising the difference between long and short sounds. In Maths they have worked further on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables using a variety of apparatus. They have completed their Wave of Colours art patterns and made themselves familiar with the layout of pirate ships, including correct terminology and definitions.

Class 2 has begun their craft and design project based around cam mechanisms. In Literacy they looked at both subordinate and relative clauses, while in Maths have investigated the properties of quadrilaterals and triangles along with the complexities of using a protractor.