



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

## News from the Classes

What a fantastic visit **KS1** had to Whitby on Monday. We learnt lots about Captain Cook and explored the artefacts at the Museum and, with the weather on our side; the highlight was our boat trip on the Bark Endeavour. We felt like real explorers! Well done to all KS1 who impressed us with their superb behaviour and enthusiasm. Also, thank you to the parents who came with us, much appreciated.

Back at school we have been writing fantastic diary entries about life on board the Endeavour as part of Captain Cook's crew! Just ask about the sauerkraut!

A huge well done to everyone for a lovely Harvest Service. We have enjoyed looking at harvest in Africa and exploring the culture.

Have a lovely half term everyone!

**KS2:** The Dance Workshop last Friday gave the children a chance to work with an African dance expert. It means that they can experience wider cultures and have a better understanding of the wider world beyond Castleton! The dance moves looked particularly energetic and were done to a very rhythmic dance beat.

The school dining room looked like it was transformed into a camping den on Thursday. There were blankets over the tables, but all for the sake of Science. We needed darker conditions to investigate what happens to light. The children tackled this in a very investigative way finding answers for themselves. Please ask!

What a great footballing challenge it was for our federated team taking part in the Level 2 School Games Football Final yesterday taking on bigger footballing schools! The defence and attitude of the team was excellent. Well done lads on coming 6<sup>th</sup> out of 52 teams overall and 10/10 for effort. Brilliant!

## New Parent Governors

We are pleased to welcome Joanne Kevan (Castleton) and Richard Prust (Glaisdale) to our Governing Body as Parent Governors from each school. They both have a great deal to offer our Governing Body and we hope they will enjoy the role.

## Harvest Festival

A big well done to all the children, we were very proud that everyone contributed to the service. It is tricky reading aloud in such a big place like the Church, but everyone gave it a good go and did their best. Now they can add Swahili to their modern foreign languages as well! Thank you to all the parents who supported us, it was great having such an appreciative audience. Thank you also for the donations which amounted to £85.35 for "Send a Cow" – this will help to make a difference to African families.

## Reminder - Christmas Shoeboxes

As mentioned previously, we are going to send shoeboxes to the Samaritans Purse Appeal, which Mrs Ford at Glaisdale organises, and these need to be brought into school by Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November please.



## Whitby Musicport Festival & Musicport on Tour - Half Term Events

On Monday, the following free events are taking place in Glaisdale:-

- Sol Cinema (the world's smallest solar cinema!) will be in the village at 3pm. It's a tiny caravan seating up to 8 people and showing very short films – with usherettes and popcorn!
- Folk singer Maz O'Connor (with a support set from David Neil) will be performing in St Thomas Church at 4pm.

There will also be other events taking place in the wider area (poster in noticeboard).

Anyone is welcome to join the Festival Parade **tonight** from outside Whitby Co-op following the Open Top Bus, complete with drummers and a brass band on board, along the harbourside to the Bandstand, up Khyber Pass to the Whale Bones where there will be an outdoor performance and fire juggling. Everyone is then welcome to Whitby Pavilion for a free taster of the Musicport Festival until 8pm.

## Makaton Taster Session at Esklets, Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm

Esklets Playgroup, Danby are holding a Makaton taster session on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Makaton is a system of signs and symbols to help people to communicate which is designed to support spoken language. This taster session aims to introduce basic signing skills and knowledge of symbols. Cost is £10 per person and to book telephone 01287 660173/ 669607 or email: eskletspg@yahoo.co.uk

## Week Beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October

<b>Monday</b>	Sumdog Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bonfire Safety Talk to both classes, 11am (by Fire Service and Police)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cross Country at Caedmon, 2pm (relevant KS2 children have details) <b>No Netball Club</b> due to Cross Country
<b>Thursday</b>	Years 1, 2 & 3 Flu Immunisations, 9am Netball League at Goathland School, 1.30 to 3.30pm (relevant KS2 children have letter)
<b>Friday</b>	Glaisdale KS2 at Castleton this half term Football Club

## News from Glaisdale

This week, **Class 1** has created mathematical resources to support their work on counting and times tables. In English they have focused on handwriting and in Art still life paintings. During a day with Mrs King they engaged with the story of Handa's Surprise, recreating the story through drama and words. On Wednesday they had a forest school session and delighted in getting muddy!

**Class 2** has had a busy week. In Maths they have been learning how to add using column addition, along with writing numbers as Roman Numerals. In English they have focused on writing extra information sentences. The weather stayed dry for their forest school session on Wednesday when they worked in teams to make bird feeder kebabs, dens and also practised working with tools.

After lots of hard work, the children produced a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration, on Tuesday, which was well attended by parents and the local community, also raising money for "Send a Cow."