



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

KS1: It was the perfect day for a trip to the beach last Friday and we thoroughly enjoyed exploring the rock pools and searching for fossils in the gorgeous sunshine down at Robin Hoods Bay. We met the team from Danby Moors Centre who taught us lots of interesting facts about life on the coast. The sea creatures were out in force and we were delighted to find a range of crabs, sea snails and periwinkles. It was great to meet up with Glaisdale infants and work together on a joint venture. Everyone was so engaged and Miss Garbutt was proud of the excellent behaviour. It is clear that everyone had a great time as the children wrote some fantastic recounts about the visit this week. In Maths we have been problem solving with capacity and enjoyed creating some refreshing fruity cocktails.



Next week, year 2 will be going up to the KS2 class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and our new starters will be joining us on Wednesday morning.

KS2: The Yorkshire Museum in York was a great place to visit last Friday. We shared our fossil knowledge with the Museum Guide who was very impressed (particularly with Alfie's dinosaur knowledge). We had a chance to handle coprolite (dinosaur poo!) which everyone sniffed despite it being thousands of years old. The mystery of the dinosaur was solved through measuring footprints, examining teeth and handling a spike. The investigation was solved as an Iguanodon. A highlight was feeding Alan the diplodocus with branches of leaves good job it wasn't a T-Rex (please ask.) Thank you Mrs Barrett and Mrs Margetts for coming with us.

KS2 have been very busy this week so we know they will be ready for their holidays this summer! Maths has moved on to geometry, looking at shape and space, angles, and 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. In Literacy the children have been cracking on with their adventure stories, with a focus on building tension through their writing and making things extra exciting for their readers. We also started looking at magnetism in Science, and followed up our class trip with some detailed work on fossils and dinosaurs!



Many thanks to Dan and Helen Medcalf who took Archie, Harry B, Honey and Rueben to Athletics at Eskdale School on Wednesday afternoon. Archie said they joined up with pupils from Glaisdale and took part in various Track and Field Events. They had a lovely time and the weather was perfect – cloudy but warm and better than if it had been full sunshine and there was even an ice cream van!

Lastly, this morning, it was the leavers' assembly for our Year 6 children. Thank you to them for a wonderful assembly. Those of you who were able to attend, we hope you agree that they did a fabulous job. It was a great mixture of humour, serious thoughtful moments and thank "yous". We are certainly proud of the fact that such a wonderful year 6 are going out into the world as superb representatives of Castleton School but we will miss them.

KS2 Advanced Teaching Assistant Appointment

We are pleased to welcome Mr Nick Wadley as our Teaching Assistant for the Castleton Key Stage 2 class from September. Mr Wadley has had extensive teaching experience and experience working in schools over a number of years. You will be able to meet him on 11th and 12th July.

Autumn Term Menu and Price Increase Reminder

Please find attached next Term's Menu, for your information. Also, as per the letter dated 21st May, please remember that, from September, the price of a school meal will be £2.40 per day (£12 per week) for pupils in KS2. Reception and KS1 children will continue to get the universal free school meal.

Advance Notices for Final Week of Term

Summer Fair "Extravaganza" and Art Show – Monday, 16th July

As mentioned previously, Mrs Douglass wants this day to be her leaving celebration with a treat for the children and we have booked a climbing wall for the whole day in Champions field behind the garage.

The "usual" Summer Fair and Art Show will be held from 1.30pm. The children are organising the stalls and games etc and donations for stalls, raffle and refreshments will be gratefully received, thank you!

Reports and Parents Evening, Thursday, 19th July.

Pupil Reports will be sent home next Friday and an Open Evening will be held on Thursday, 19th July. This is just a "drop in" session to look at children's work and informally talk to the class teacher if you wish. There will be no appointments but teachers will be available between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Other Events and Activities

Friends of Lealholm School – Village Fair on Sunday

Lealholm School are holding a Village Fair on Sunday from 1pm on the School grounds, Adults £1, Children 50p. Featuring a Grand Raffle, also drinks, refreshments, tombola, stalls, bouncy castle, face painting etc.

Village Hall Refurbishment Fundraising – Race Night

A Race Night will be held at the Downe Arms on Friday, 27 July from 7.30pm. Tickets are £3 and include supper, available from Joanne Kevan or the Downe Arms. All proceeds towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall..

NYCC – Whitby and the Moors Children's Centre - Summer Activities

In Reception there is a leaflet detailing Activities taking place over the summer. The Children's Centre offers lots of different activities, most of which are free. Many activities take place in the Children's Centre at Byland Road, Whitby, but some also take place in a range of other local community venues such as village halls so that you and your family will be able to access the Children's Centre services wherever you live in area. The Centre also now has a Facebook page (Whitby and the Moors Area) which will be regularly updated with session information and useful tools and information for parents.

Next Week

- **Please return School Photo Orders on Monday**
- Year 6 Caedmon College transition all week. Stokesley transition Wednesday, Thursday, Friday with Year 2 moving up to KS2.

Please note that the Year 6 Parent Information Evening at Stokesley has been brought forward by 1 hour and will now take place between 5pm and 6:15pm on Wednesday

- **Wednesday** September new starters in for morning and lunch. Meeting at 12.45pm.
Netball Club



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News from Glaisdale

This week **Class 1** were delighted to welcome some of their new starters, who will be joining them full time in September! They had a fun filled morning of song and dance, and were very proud of how well the children settled into school life – as well as the older children who did such a great job of making them feel so welcome. The children were joined at lunchtime by their parents who also enjoyed a school dinner.

In Maths they have been exploring Symmetry, measuring capacity and volume – Reception children have especially enjoyed being in the water tray to support their learning! In English they have been focussing on grammar – recognising missing punctuation in text and identifying the type of punctuations, such as exclamations and questions.

On Thursday they made the most of the glorious weather and enjoyed a sunny afternoon at Forest School.

It has been a busy week in **Class 2!** In maths they have continued to look at measure and in particular, time along with shapes, using their properties to complete calculations and problem solve.

English has focused on poetry and they are thrilled with the work the children have produced. One piece has concentrated on handwriting and they will be entering these into Danby show (15th August) with all children having already received a gold star and head teachers award from Mrs Douglass. They were pleased to welcome Year 2 children into the class for that afternoon, writing their piece of poetry. They were very settled in KS2 and it felt like they'd always been part of the class. The children have also started work on their own class composition titled "Things that make me laugh". They have had plenty of laughs discussing ideas, lots of amusing input from the children and taken inspiration from poetry by Michael Rosen. They also aim to enter these into Danby show along with their superb 'wave' oil pastel pictures which are on display in the classroom.

Sports day on Tuesday afternoon was a triumph. The children were very well behaved and showed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the staff for their help to make the afternoon so successful and to PTFA for organising refreshments.

Continuing with the sporting theme, some of the year 5 & 6 children took part in the athletics tournament on Wednesday. They did very well and Mrs Hutt said they were a credit to the school.

Finally, preparations have been taking part for the end of the year. Year 6 are working hard with Mrs Hutt on their magazine which will be on sale shortly. They have all been practising songs and poems for the leaver's assembly (Friday 20th July at 10am).