



# NEWSLETTER

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*"Outstanding Together"*

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## News from the Classes

**KS1:** Years 1 and 2 had a great afternoon on Wednesday at Multiskills where they developed new skills and had the opportunity to work with children from other schools. Thank you to Mrs Medcalf and Mrs Findlay for taking them. Reception enjoyed a baking afternoon and made some delicious "bear" biscuits. Well done to all the children who have worked hard on their assessments this week.

**KS2:** This week, the children have been looking closely at Africa. They have used their geographical skills to find out what a beautiful country Africa is. It has stunning mountains, rivers and also some huge cities. We are going to look at West Africa in more detail.

In Maths, we have been thinking about place value and how our number system works.

## KS2 - Working with Glaisdale on Fridays

Working together is a great opportunity to widen the children's friendships with our Federated School. We travel over and work in years 3/4 and 5/6 groups. Currently, Maths and Music are done during the morning and PE and RE in the afternoon.

Working in these groups allows the Mental Maths marking to be age group and ability specific. The Mental Maths is marked in small groups and the children are encouraged to explain how they have got their answer. While one group is working on Maths the other is working on Music, particularly the idea of composition, so we will discover any budding Beethovens!

In the afternoon, Mrs King is currently teaching RE with one group while the other works on their PE skills. This means the game skills can be age appropriate and the children have a chance to play competitive games with their peers.

## Governing Body

- **Change in Chair** – Mrs Margetts has been elected the Chair of Governors and will be supported by Mrs Liddle, who is now the Vice-Chair.
- **Parent Governor Election** – you should all have received a letter yesterday about the election of a new Parent Governor. Anyone who would like to be put forward for election should obtain a Nomination Form, together with a Self-Declaration Form for signature, from Mrs Blacklock. These should be returned by Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## PTFA Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

Please see attached flier. Donations for cake stall and raffle, together with help on the morning, would be greatly appreciated please.

## Individual/Family Photographs

Thank you to Lizzie Watson who has taken the school photos for the last 2 years. However, due to other commitments, Lizzie no longer has time to do this so Tempest are taking them again and will be here for start of school on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. As usual, you are welcome to bring younger siblings in. If you have any specific requirements please let us know.

## Events at Eskdale School

- **Open Evening for Year 6** – Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm to 7pm
- **Pearl of Africa Children's Choir Concert** – Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 to 8.30pm

### Next Week

<b>Tomorrow</b>	EVA Teacher Training Information Event, Whitby Tourist Information Centre, 10am to 1pm
<b>Monday</b>	Sundog Club Play Area AGM in School, 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Netball Club
<b>Friday</b>	Football Club
<b>Saturday</b>	PTFA Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale, Village Hall, 10am to 12
<b>Sunday</b>	Octoberfest Fun Run at Caedmon, 1pm. Details in last week's Newsletter

### News from Glaisdale

This week has been dominated by assessments in **Class 1**, which were approached with a positive attitude, but they have also had time to practise skills in reading, comprehension, counting, numbers and shapes! Whilst years 1 and 2 were at Multiskills on Wednesday afternoon, Reception had a quieter PE lesson and a not so quiet, rather messy, fun session writing and creating monsters from a pirate story using shaving foam.

**KS2** have worked hard this week – not only was it assessment week but they furthered their work in Maths on number and place value and have also had successes within Times Tables and SMIRF tests. They have written reports about the life of Dr Livingstone and his exploration of Africa. They are becoming amazing explorers and have discovered many fantastic facts about Africa.

**Tonight:** “How to Make a Killing in Bollywood”. Tickets are still available from Glaisdale Shop