



NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

News from the Classes

This week in **KS1** we have had great fun making our boats. Thank you for all the materials you sent in, there are some great designs! We are looking forward to testing them next week.

Well done to all the children who have worked hard on their assessments this week but at least we have had our trip to the Moors Centre today to look forward to!

We have been busy collecting things for our Autumn box and enjoyed creating some lovely artwork using leaf rubbing, pressing and printing. They look lovely hung up in our classroom making us feel very "Autumnal."

Please see below about Forest School session next Thursday.

KS2 have also been busy with assessments this week.

In Maths they have looked at the properties of 3D shapes and were tasked with creating their own shapes using Klikko equipment. They even know how to show the difference between a pyramid and prism! In their topic work, they have learned more about the Benin Empire and asked questions for themselves to answer; collecting evidence through research in books and online.

Practising has started in earnest for this year's Christmas Production, "Cinderella Rockerfella!"

We played our League Netball match against Glaisdale this lunchtime and the result was a 3-3 draw – well done!

Staff Appointments

As you may be aware, we have been recruiting for a new Teaching Assistant for the Castleton Key Stage 2 class since Mrs Barrett reduced her hours and have appointed Mr Andrew Wilson. Andrew is already a qualified teacher who had done part of his initial Newly Qualified Teacher year (NQT YEAR). He intends to go back to complete this at some time in the future but, for the meantime, we are lucky to have him working with us.

As you all know, we are very committed to training teachers of the future so we are happy to help him along the way, whilst benefiting from his experience for your children.

We have also appointed Mrs Jody Marson as a Supply Teaching Assistant. Jody also plans to become a trained teacher and will aim for this by September 2018. She will work across both schools and we plan for her to do her teacher training whilst she is employed with us. You may recognise Jody because she has been doing some voluntary work, mainly at Castleton.

Both of the above employees, as with all staff, will be appointed to the Federation, with the expectation that they may work at both Schools as part of their Contract. They may both work in either School at times, although Andrew's base is mainly Castleton.

We know you and your children will be very welcoming to our new members of staff.

Forest School Sessions next Thursday

Now the weather is wet and cold, please make sure your child will be warm enough for the Forest School sessions. It would perhaps be sensible to put some base layers on them just in case! Gloves will also be essential as well as waterproof boots/wellies and trousers. Again, they can come to school in their forest school clothes, rather than uniform. Thank you.

Next Thursday, KS2 will be having their session in the morning to avoid clashing with Cross Country and French and KS1 their session in the afternoon.

Children in Need "Spotacular", Friday, 18th November

As usual, Children in Need will be a non-uniform day with donations and the theme this year is all about spots. Thank you.

Next Week

Please bring in any Book Club orders

Monday	Sumdog Club
Tuesday	Year 3 – "Passport to the World" Maths Morning at Egton Village Hall – please return permission slips
Wednesday	Netball Club
Thursday	Forest School Sessions – KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon Cross Country Final at Lady Lumley's, afternoon Makaton Taster Session at Esklets, 4pm
Friday	Children in Need "Spotacular" Day Football Club

News from Glaisdale

This week, **Class 1** children learnt about Captain Cook and had great fun looking into his history and his famous achievements. On Wednesday, they enjoyed a lesson of French followed by PE inside this week - they had the Class 2 classroom to themselves because of the wet weather. They have also been looking forward to the trip to the Moors Centre today.

This week, **Class 2** has been continuing their work on Geometry, looking at all the ways to describe and measure 2D and 3D shapes. In English they have been looking at a book called "The Hunter" and Christmas Play parts have also been given out this week at Glaisdale.