



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week in **KS1** we have been thinking about why we celebrate Easter and we looked at the Easter Story and the children asked some great questions!

In Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes, learning their names and describing their properties. See how many 3D shapes the children can spot in the environment around them! We also enjoyed a "Phonics" themed Easter egg hunt around school.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening last week. It is lovely to share the children's success and great to see parents so involved in their children's learning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping to ensure that the children have the best provision possible and make super progress.

If anyone is interested in taking part in the National Young Writers Award 2018 here is the link:

<https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/life/news/national-young-writers-awards-is-back-for-2018>

This year the focus is on real life heroes and the children are invited to write a story, in 500 words or fewer, about a hero! The closing date is Sunday, 29th April and will be judged by David Walliams so get the imagination flowing and have a go! If you need any help with this do not hesitate to ask.

Have a lovely Easter everyone!

KS2: It was lovely seeing everyone at parents evening. Mrs Grace always feels so proud of her class and all the progress they make. Thank you all for coming.

The final day of the term and for the moment it is sunny! Although it has been a short term it certainly has been fully filled. Just a warning for over the holiday, please check that there are no attempts at flight without appropriate safety precautions (eg landing in the sea! Please ask.) We have certainly been impressed by the great inventors of the "Magnificent Flying Machines" and, in particular, their bravery and resilience. It is thanks to their continued investigations and the will to never give up that we have the flight and aeroplanes that we have today. Maybe one of our class will invent the next step teleportation.

There were varying degrees of success with the RE Easter Story and the magnetic puppets – a few adjustments are needed in the performing process, but the Story was told.

Have a fantastic holiday, stay safe and hopefully soak up some sunshine.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week has been National Autism Week and we have developed our understanding of Autism. We have looked at the way we are all different, both outside and inside our brains. We all do things in different ways, like different things and reach in different ways. An autistic brain is superfast and sometimes needs time to calm down and sort things out. We have different ways to cope and calm – Mrs Grace's is to have a quiet cup of tea (and cake). We shared our coping strategies but, ultimately, we've understood that different is brilliant and makes all our Worlds an interesting place

Joseph bravely stood up in assembly and told us what autism meant to him. We have already celebrated his amazing winter runathon raising money for The National Autistic Society (nearly at the £500 mark – FANTASTIC). Joseph told us that his brain things differently to most people. It can be superfast on things like Maths, but some other things are tricky but, as Joseph quite rightly said, "I am still me."



Forest School Sessions

This half-term, Year 4 from both here and Glaisdale have been taking part in Forest School sessions in the Woodland. The theme has been to identify a range of British Native Broadleaf Trees and to learn about their uses and Folklore. They have had to get 'Up close and personal' with a selected tree in an attempt to identify it correctly. This involved taking bark rubbing, looking at the buds forming on the branch ends, hunting for fallen leaves around its base and doing research at school and home. Once they were quite certain that they had identified their tree, they made a name plaque for it by sawing a slice of wood, drilling it, threading it and labelling it before attaching it to the tree. Hopefully, we will now have a number of trees in the woodland that have name plaques for others to read.

Next half term it is the turn of year 5 to do Forest Schools on Wednesday afternoons at Castleton. KS1 will continue doing their sessions on alternate weeks on Thursday mornings.

Sport Relief Fun Run

Last Friday, Castleton and Danby school children joined together for their bi-annual Sports Relief 1 Mile Run. Amazingly, the weather was reasonable, and it was so lovely to see everyone gathered near the starting line to set off in year groups. We also had a pleasing amount of parents, carers and onlookers who came along to run with, or support the children, providing the vital cheers as they crossed the finishing line after completing their Mile. Everyone did their best and ran (mostly) with such enthusiasm and it certainly looked as if all involved had lots of fun whilst raising money for such good causes.

Thank you for Mrs Barber for all her organisation and, as ever, we had the help and support of the Eskdale School Sports Leaders. They play an essential role in helping to set up the venue, occupy the marshall stations, handing out stickers, providing encouragement and helping to pack away afterwards. We are very grateful to them and to Andy Raw for organising and transporting them. **Please could all outstanding Sponsor Money be brought into school on the first week back.** Thank you

Dinner Menu and Money and Free School Meals

Please find enclosed the Menu for next term, for your information. For parents who pay half termly also enclosed is next half term's invoice. As mentioned previously, please can parents ensure dinner money is paid in advance. Thank you.

Also, we do hope that any parents who may be eligible to claim for **Free School Meals** have applied. If you haven't yet, please make sure you do this **before 1st April**. The Pupil Premium funding a school receives due to FSM eligibility is very important so please do apply if you are eligible.

Football Club

Football Club will re-start on the second week back (Friday, 27th April) down at the field. Children will need picking up from there at 4.15pm. **It will take place every fortnight.**

Week beginning 16th April

Monday	Staff Training
Tuesday	Children return to school
Wednesday	Year 4 Quad Kids at Caedmon College Whitby, 1 to 3pm. Please see separate letter and return slip on the first day back. Year 5 Forest Schools, afternoon at Castleton Netball Club
Thursday	KS1 Forest Schools, morning Year 6 Booster Class

News from Glaisdale

This week in English **Class 1** has been innovating the story of How to Train Your Dragon to create their own individual versions. In Maths they have continued looking at reading and writing the time, in RE, they have learned about the Easter Story, Easter traditions and have tasted hot cross buns. Their Art has focused on stain-glass windows, resulting in some colourful Easter cards. As the gymnastics focus came to an end, they took their learning about balance and posture outside, building obstacle courses to show their increased agility and movement.

This week **Class 2** have used their previous Science work on air resistance to write a short instructional text based around either windmills or kites. In Maths they have begun work on time, while in Science they investigated gravity. Thank you to everyone who helped their children to design and make a bonnet or decorate an egg. There were some truly outstanding designs on display.