



# NEWSLETTER

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"Outstanding Together"

## News from the Classes

Continuing on our Science theme of plants, **KS1** have been busy weeding, preparing & planting seeds in the vegetable planters in the front playground. It seems a bit too cold at the moment, but do keep your eyes peeled for any sprouting in the weeks to come!

As part of our Olympics topic we have begun exploring Ancient Greece and used different sources of evidence to find out about the past. In English we have been using our imaginations to create alternative endings for "Jack and the Beanstalk," we enjoyed group discussions and drama sessions to help stimulate and organise ideas.

Have a great Bank Holiday!

**KS2:** All we can say is that the years 3 and 4 have thoroughly enjoyed Peat Rigg. Mrs Douglass and Mrs Grace saw really busy, happy children when they visited. Everyone was bubbling with what they had learnt and enjoying the experience. We are so proud of the Castleton "can do" attitude, a little bit of snow, sleet and hail doesn't stop us! We get kitted up correctly and get on, a great British Value. We have all said a very big "Thank You" to Mrs Barber for going and for all the organisation. **Please find enclosed a Feedback Form for any comments you may wish to make.**

Meanwhile, back at base, the years 5 and 6 have been researching the Olympic Flame ceremony. The years 3 and 4 were entertained (and educated) in the facts of the Flame ceremony. We have learnt about Zeus's temper (please ask) and Promethean's fate when he defied him (please ask, but something nasty with an Eagle!)

The cricket which was postponed on Wednesday will now be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May but we will **not** be taking part as we have a Forest School session planned for KS2 that afternoon.

Please could you make sure that your child always has PE kit in school for Thursday afternoons. Thank you.

## Years 3 & 4 Peat Rigg Residential (by Mrs Barber)



Despite the adverse weather, everyone had a most brilliant time at the Healthy Eating, Active Lifestyle residential earlier this week. There was so much to do, see, learn and eat!! So lovely to meet up, work and spend time with friends from other Primary Schools in the Esk Valley. The programme allowed everyone to learn so much about how our food is



produced and manufactured and about the things that are added to it that we don't realise. You may find that shopping takes a little bit longer now that the labels on packaging need to be scrutinised! I can honestly say that everyone had the happiest time, this was probably due to the very comfortable accommodation and the very friendly staff at Peat Rigg. It was a pleasure to take such a lovely group of mature and thoughtful students away for a few days. I'm pretty sure that they will be counting the days until they return there next year for their Adventurous Activity Residential (I know I am!)

### Whitby Primary Schools Biathlon - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May - Whitby Leisure Centre

Further to the information about the above in last week's Newsletter (for years 4, 5 and 6), we now enclose details and Entry Form. As this is after school, parents would be responsible for taking and supervising their own children. If your child would like to take part please complete the Entry Form and return to school on Monday.

### Next Week

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Sewing Club  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Years 3 & 4 Cricket at Mulgrave Cricket Club, 10am to 3pm. <b>Please return slips on Tuesday</b><br><b>NO Netball Club</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Football Club (weather permitting!!)   |

### News from Glaisdale

This week in English, **Class 1** have created poems about Spring, using the information and language collated on their Spring Hunt last week. They have also begun looking at the story of Hercules. In Maths they have been looking at British coin values and their History work has continued on the Olympics theme in which they have been looking more closely at the Gods of Ancient Greece.

While years 3 and 4 have been at Peat Rigg, the rest of **Class 2** has been looking at determiners and their roles in sentences, amongst other things. Year 5 have spent time developing interactive Point Point presentations around modern day Greece.

### **PTFA**

Sarah Asquith has taken over the role of Chairman and Rosie Jones is the new Treasurer.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May - **Tour @ Glaisdale**. The race will be screened in the Robinson Institute from 11am to 4.30pm (refreshments available) followed by a mass bike ride round Glaisdale Dale. After race bbq and bands from 6pm.

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September – **Northumberland Theatre Company presents “How to Make a Killing in Bollywood”**