

NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week KS1 have been exploring the history of flight and finding out about the Wright Brothers who invented the first plane.

In Art we have created some lovely artwork inspired by Wassily Kandinsky who used interesting colours and shapes to evoke emotions.

The children are enjoying learning how to play the recorder with Miss Wilson and her musical ear! We hope to send them home for the children to practice (sorry!!) as they are so keen but please can we ask that they come in every Thursday ready for our Music lesson.

KS2: All Mrs Grace can say is the Montgolfier brothers would be proud of the mini-balloon representations of their historic balloons. Ours haven't got animals risking fur and feather though! (please ask). The partner work that has gone into making the balloons has been wonderful, great team work KS2.

In Maths we have been looking at conversions and how you get from g – kg and vice-versa. Also how kg and g can be represented as decimals.

We have been looking at Sir George Cayley a local man who is known as the "father of aviation." He was a bit like Leonardo da Vinci in his inventions and brilliant ideas. It is thanks to his breakthrough in understanding of flight

that modern aeroplanes and flight happened.

On Wednesday our year 5/6 Federation football team took part in the Straws Cup at Caedmon School. This cup was a mixture of small, medium and large schools. We played 5 fantastic games of football – winning 4 games, drawing 1 and we even had penalties to contend with! Having got through all 3 rounds we have made it through to the Final!!

Well done to Huw, Greg, Felix, Jack, Owen, Rueben, Honey and Archie on your excellent team performance. We will let everyone know where and when the final is as we hope you will all come and show your support.



Forest Schools Sessions

Well, Wednesday and Thursday's Forest School sessions couldn't have been more different this week! The year 4 session on Wednesday took place on a lovely sunny, spring-like afternoon. They continued with their task of finding a deciduous native Broadway tree and trying to identify it. They used clues such as the bark, leaf buds, tree shape and old leaves on the floor to help them. As the weeks pass, their trees will hopefully reveal themselves so that they can see if they were correct.

Thursday morning brought the biggest snowflakes ever for KS1's session but that didn't deter us and, after a delayed start, we made our way up to the woodland. It was a Winter Wonderland and snow looked so beautiful amongst the conifers and pine trees. We looked for animal tracks in the snow, rolled giant snowballs, managed to light a fire and also found a new use for the tarpaulin sheet!

Many thanks to Clare Robinson who kindly offered to accompany us and enable us to go.

Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

This week we have focused on emotions and looked at the characters from the film "Inside Out." We realised that we need all our emotions to work together and thought carefully about which emotions can sometimes take over and how we can control them. We now have a lovely "brain" display with the children's ideas for coping strategies.

TFA Coffee Morning - Saturday, 17th March

There is a PTFA Coffee Morning a week tomorrow at the Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon. There will be the usual raffle and cake stall and also a table top sale and other little activities such as "Name the Teddy" and "How many sweets in a jar" etc. If you are interested in having a table please speak to Helen Hellon. We would be extremely grateful for raffle prizes (which please bring into school by next Friday) and donations of cakes etc. Also, any help on the morning would be greatly appreciated please.

Free Schools Meals Eligibility

Please see the enclosed letter regarding Free School Meals eligibility if you are in receipt of Universal Credit. If this is the case, you must apply before **1**st **April**.

Next Week

Please remember the Mothering Sunday Service at Danby Chapel, 10.30am

Monday Swimming

Tuesday Visit from Kirkleatham Owl Centre, afternoon

Wednesday Year 4 Forest Schools, afternoon

Year 3 Multiskills at Eskdale, 1.30 to 3pm – letter to follow

Netball Club

Thursday Year 6 Booster Class **Saturday** PTFA Coffee Morning

Lists are now up in the classrooms for Parents Evening appointments on Tuesday, 21st March.