



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

The Skip2bfit Workshops, with both classes on Monday, were really successful, even getting non-skipper or reluctant sport types to have a go and also proving that skipping is not just for girls! "Practice makes you better," not perfect, but better as we all tried to improve our scores. We were all inspired to improve our fitness (even the adults!) Well done to the top skippers, Lucy, Katie, Ben and Daniel who demonstrated to the school!

Following the success of the Skip2bfit workshops we are holding a **Skipathon** on Monday lunchtime at 12.30pm, which will be based on doing as many skips as possible in 10 minutes and to be sponsored so much per skip e.g. 1p, 2p etc. If your child would like to participate they have a sponsor form and all money raised will go towards PTFA. Parents are more than welcome to come along and join in. If anyone needs additional forms please see Helen Medcalf.

KS1

Year 1 can now breathe a sigh of relief as they got their Phonics Screening done this week!

Effie, Betsy and Pearl, who are starting school in September, joined us in the class on Thursday morning and for lunch. They all looked like "proper, big" school girls in their uniforms and blended into the class and you wouldn't have known they were there!

KS2

Tuesday afternoon was a lovely day for a round of golf - years 3 and 4 took part in a "taster" session at Snainton Golf Club. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we definitely have some budding golfers in our midst! Thank you to Helen Medcalf for accompanying our pupils.

We are "proud as punch" to tell you that the class irrigation device and design challenge set by the Rotary Club was won by Castleton, with Glaisdale second, so what an achievement for our Federation! We obviously have great engineer brains and design ideas. Ben, Evie, Florence and Archie represented the class and took our design and portfolio to be judged at Sneaton Castle, with Mrs Dowson, on Thursday afternoon. Our device managed to move loads to water thanks to the genius bottle design (please ask).



The DT has continued in class as we have finally improved our Pyramid design. While I do not think they will last thousands of years, the structure and bases are now so much stronger. Every group's second attempt has improved significantly showing how much was learnt about supporting structures and for supporting each other with team work and co-operation.

Today, when Glaisdale KS2 were here, we were able to use the new path down the Chapman's field directly to Castleton cricket field to do PE. A BIG thank you to Dan Medcalf for spending 3 hours making the route safe for the children.

Homework (Juniors)

Please can we clarify homework expectations:

- Juniors receive two pieces of homework per week – on Tuesday Maths is marked and new work set and given out and on Wednesday, Comprehension is marked and new given out.
- Your child should not spend any more than 45 minutes on each piece of homework **unless they want to.**
- Please make sure the 45 minutes is quality time when your child concentrates and tries their best.

- If there are any problems with homework, please write a note on the work or speak to us about it.
- If there is a problem with a question the children are welcome to ask Mrs Grace about it.
- If homework is not finished and your child has done their best in the allotted 45 minutes, don't worry because we will be marking it together so they will not miss out on the learning in class.
- In addition to this, the children should also be practising their instant recall facts and spending time reading.

Reminders

- Please could children have **PE kit** at school **every day** so that we can do sports practice etc. if the weather is fine. The correct PE kit is as follows and this is what children must always wear, particularly if they are attending sports events: **Navy shorts, white T-shirt** or "**Castleton**" **sports royal blue T-shirt**, optional royal blue "Castleton" sports hoody, **plimsolls** and a pair of **dark** jogging bottoms for winter and travelling to events.
- Also, just a reminder that school **uniform** is as follows: **Royal Blue** sweatshirt, jumper (round or V-neck), fleece or cardigan **with school logo**. School fleeces may be worn for outdoor use only, except in winter when they may be worn indoors. **Black** or **grey** trousers **NOT leggings, shorts or jeans** (or skirt/pinafore dress for girls, optional blue checked dress for summer). **White** polo shirt (with or without school logo)/shirt or blouse. **Black shoes** without heels or large logos
- Please bring any further **Book Club** orders in on Monday.

Mr Cross – Guitar Demonstration

We have 1 pupil who is interested in learning the guitar but it would be lovely if we could get a small group of children together to learn. Therefore, Mr Cross is bringing a guitar in next Thursday morning and will do a demonstration for the pupils.

Next Week

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| Monday | Years 5 & 6 – Bikeability all day Skipathon at lunchtime Sumdog Maths Club, finish 4.15pm |
| Tuesday | Sewing Club |
| Wednesday | School group photo, 9.30am Netball Club Maths Club at Lealholm School (as in previous half terms) 3.45 to 4.45pm |
| Thursday | Years 5 & 6 ChildLine Workshop, 11am to 12 |
| Friday | (Most of) KS2, Hit the Surf, Whitby Beach, 9.30am to 12.15pm Football Club |