



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

This week **KS1** have enjoyed exploring the world of “Katie Morag.” The fictional stories about a little girl from Scotland have captured our imagination. We used our drama skills to act out the story, “Katie Morag Delivers the Mail” and got creative when we designed a model of the island she lives on. We even tested out our Scottish accents! Everyone has been so enthusiastic about their reading and are keen to collect their stickers. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. Phonics sounds will also begin to be sent home to practise.

PE sessions will be on a Friday so please can you ensure that children have a PE kit in school.

KS2: This week we have been looking at the SMIRFs (**S**pace **M**ission **I**ntant **R**ecall **F**acts). Please ask your child about their booklet. There are still some more to put on the right level so you may see the booklet next week. It calls itself a logbook and has all the planets on the front.

We are also working on the vocabulary for Grammar hammer which is coming out the following week.

In between all this has been our first close observation of rocks. Who knew there were so many different types, and especially exciting if they have fossils in them!

Thank you to the parents who could make the homework meeting after school on Tuesday – despite the dreadful weather outside! For those who couldn't, I have put the information in the children's bags. Please have a read through and ask if there is anything you are unsure of. The information is all in line with the Government's new curriculum for 2014 for schools and the age related expectations on what children should be able to do.

Please keep up the excellent reading you have been doing at home, it makes such a difference.

Request of the week – has anyone got any photographs of Danby, Castleton or other shows?

Excitement for this week – if you are at a loose end this weekend there is a Fossil Festival on in Scarborough (Friday, 18th to Sunday, 20th.) The Scarborough Museum Trust are creating the Festival around Scarborough's Rotunda Museum.

News from Glaisdale

- In Numeracy this week, Class 1 have been looking further at number bands and younger children have been doing lots of counting and number recognition and formation using a variety of media. In Literacy they have created their own story map with new actions and symbols. They have looked at the continents and oceans in Geography and the role of Kings and Queens in History.
- Class 2 have begun to look at rocks in Science by investigating the local area. They are going to make a temporary exhibition of interesting rocks and fossils.
- On Tuesday, they voted for their new School Council representatives and had lots of pupils volunteering for these important jobs. However, only one council member per year group could be chosen and a school-wide ballot was held at assembly. Congratulations to Lola, Oliver, Lily, Beth, Huw, Abigail and Myles!
- There is now an area of the road below the school drive which has been widened to allow cars to park safely.

Caretaker/Cleaning Vacancy

Thank you to Karen Thompson for all she has done as our Caretaker/Cleaner. Karen is finishing on Friday, 9th October and there is an advert in the school noticeboard for the vacancy, with a closing date of 28th September. The role consists of 11 hours per week cleaning and 5 hours caretaking and applications must be made online through the NYCC job vacancies site.

School Hoodies and Uniform

Please check that your child has their correct hoodie (and has not got more hoodies than they should!) as a brand new one in KS2 went missing last Friday, the first time it was worn.

Please could you ensure all uniform is named. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation Programme - Years 1 and 2

Children in school years 1 and 2 are this year being offered a free flu vaccination and we will shortly be receiving a letter and consent form to send out to those parents.

Children & Families' Service: Prevention - Programme of Events

There are leaflets available in the school foyer and KS1 class of events for September to December that the above service is running for Whitby & The Moors.

Dates of Events

Please find attached a preliminary list of dates for the term, which is subject to change.

Whitby Rotary Club - Octoberfest Run, Sunday, 11th October

Whitby Rotary Club invite Primary School children, who are interested in running, to take part in the above event at Caedmon College (Scoresby Site) on Sunday, 11th October at 1pm. Athletes must register with an adult on the day of the event from 1pm. There is a fee of £2.50 payable and the first race gets underway at 1.30pm.

Next Week

All remaining **Parental Consent Forms for School Visits and Trips 2015/16** must be brought in on Monday (if you need a further copy please ask Jean Blacklock).

Please could any School Book Club orders be brought in by next Friday.

Monday	Sumdog Club. We have received permission for 18 pupils to attend the Club so, therefore, we will not need to split it into 2 groups.
Tuesday	Sewing Club
Wednesday	Netball Club
Thursday	Year 6 Open Evening at Caedmon College Whitby, 6pm
Friday	Football Club