



# NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Classes

**KS1** have enjoyed sharing their news about what they did over the sunny Bank Holiday and wrote some great recounts. We have also been reading "Oliver's Vegetables" and exploring which part of the plant our food comes from (root, stem, leaves, flower). It could be an interesting conversation around the dinner table! In Maths we have focused on measurement and enjoyed using the equipment to measure the length of sunflowers, doors and even the playground.

Ahead of the Royal Wedding next week we will be looking at Weddings. Any photos etc you have to help us with this would be greatly received.

Year 2 SATs week will begin on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May and run throughout the week.

**KS2** have been continuing their work on Trimdon Colliery, starting to think about why the events occurred, if they could have been prevented and if so, who was responsible. Some of the children already have some strong views on this! They may need to reign these in however as they will be writing a balanced discussion text and coming to their own conclusions after considering all the knowledge they have gained.

Maths was thinking about calculations this week, in particular the mistakes that can be made. For example, Twiddling with subtraction (please ask). Calculations and being secure in all the number operations are so important for late problem solving. Being accurate in the calculations with speed and checking estimations are also really important skills.

On Wednesday, years 3 and 4 took part in the inter-school Drax Cup Cricket competition at Mulgrave. They won one of their matches against other schools in their group (Lythe, Oakridge, Lealholm and East Whitby) which was absolutely fantastic! The sun was shining and everybody had a great time, even if it was a bit windy!

Many thanks to Mrs Dowson for accompanying them.

## Social, Emotional, Health and Wellbeing

We have been exploring Ramadan this week and looked at how the five Pillars of Islam help Muslims to live their lives. We thought about which five pillars would be important to our lives and specifically how they could support our social and emotional wellbeing.

## Westerdale and Commondale Taxi Pupils

Please could you ensure that the new taxi company know what your children are doing every morning and night so that the appropriate vehicle is used. There is no longer the flexibility of the minibus with extra seats so if there is a change to the expected travel please let the company know.

## Events and Activities

### **Friends of Abbeyfield Esk Moors - Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May**

All are welcome for FREE Italian coffee and treats, 10.30am to 12 noon at Esk Moors Lodge, Castleton.

### **Open Gardens at Mulgrave Castle - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Open Gardens in aid of WHISH from 1 to 5pm. Afternoon Teas, Craft Stalls and more!

### **Laser Run Competition – Ryedale School – Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Registration from 3.30pm, start 4pm for years 3-6 and consists of shoot and run. Pre entry required. Please see Mrs Blacklock for details.

### **Esklets Pre-School – Back to School Disco – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Esklets are holding a “Back to School Disco” on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm to midnight with music from Woody’s Disco and a two course school dinner of sausage and mash followed by spotted dick and custard. There will also be a Tuck Shop, Bar and photos. Dress code is school uniform (encouraged but not compulsory!) Tickets £20 available from Esklets.

### **Whitby District Lions Club – Whitby Rainbow Colour Run – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

3K children run on Whitby Beach. Registration at 10.30am, run at 12 noon. Includes free T-shirt and sunglasses. Tickets need to be pre-booked.

### **Next Week**

Year 6 SATs week

#### **Wednesday**

Year 5 Forest Schools, afternoon  
Netball Club

#### **Thursday**

KS1 Forest Schools, morning

#### **Friday**

“Red, White & Blue” Charity Dressing up Day and “Special Royal Wedding Dinner”  
(details in last week’s Newsletter)  
Football Club

### **News from Glaisdale**

This week in English **Class 1** have been summarising and innovating their setting descriptions to create postcards written in the role as one of the characters from the story. They have also written instructions on how to plant a potato bulb focusing on the text structure and layout, verbs and time conjunctions.

In Maths they have revisited a number of areas including place value, ordinal numbers and spelling numbers correctly. They have also continued with counting practices and developing problem-solving skills.

In PE they have worked on developing their bowling and catching skills, with lots of running round to retrieve balls and in PHSE, have looked at basic human needs in relation to their bodily and emotional health.

In **Class 2** this week, Maths has continued to focus on fractions. The application of times table knowledge has been tested as they have been finding equivalent fractions and therefore needed to find common multiples of denominators.

In topic they have been watching news clips of the current volcanic activity in Hawaii to help understand what happens when a volcano erupts. The children have drawn diagrams of a volcano and added labels to identify all the different parts.

In English, they have continued to gather information about the life of Sir Edmund Hilary so that they will be able to write their own biographies and create pictorial timelines of his life.

Congratulations to the year 4 children who also went to the cricket tournament on Wednesday. They won all their matches and came away overall winners in their group (beating teams from larger schools), so now they go into the final on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Whitby Cricket Club. The children not only played well but behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Well done to everyone. Thank you also to Mrs Scholey for taking them and to Mrs Hutt for an excellent job in preparing them for the event in their PE lessons.