



NEWSLETTER

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News from the Classes

Thank you to those who sent shoeboxes/bags in, which were collected on Thursday by Convoy Aid Romania. Also, it was lovely to see so much pink in school today! Thank you for supporting "Wear it Pink" for Breast Cancer Research and for all your donations which amounted to just over £32 for this worthwhile cause.

This week, **KS1** have been busy in the kitchen making break and pumpkin pie. Thank you to Graham and Nicky Wall for supplying the pumpkins. We had great fun making and tasting! We also enjoyed discovering where our food comes from and the journey it takes from the field to our plate.

In Maths, we created some spooky Halloween Potions to help develop our understanding of capacity.

Thank you to everyone for attending parents evening, it was great to talk about the children's learning and development. Your continued support at home helps our children to be the best they can be. Also, Miss Garbutt would like to express a huge "Thank You" to welcoming her so warmly to Castleton School and what a great school to be part of!

Have a fantastic half term everyone!

KS2 have tried to tackle the tricky apostrophe ' this week. Some have not been using it at all and some have been using it for a plural. Hopefully we all have a better idea now.

In Science, we have been look at permeability and whether water will go through rocks or soil. A bit messy with the mud, a bit wet with the water, but all part of learning.

Thank you all for coming to parents evening and for your continued support at home with reading, spelling and homework. It all goes to help the children to improve.

Let's hope for lovely weather over the half term, have a great break.

We have reorganised our timetable slightly. Mrs Grace will now be doing her work out of class on Fridays and will be in class on Tuesdays. We will still see Mrs King, but not every Tuesday at the moment.

Forest School Sessions

The second KS2 session on Wednesday afternoon involved a team challenge game where the children tried to learn from the other teams' success or failures; more elaborate den building; an introduction to knot tying and a very fast walk back to school. Well done from Mrs Barber to all!

Further KS2 sessions will be on Wednesday, 4th November (those not going to Cross Country at Whitby) and 18th November. KS1 will be doing sessions on Thursdays, 5th and 19th November. Please make sure appropriate clothing, waterproofs and footwear are brought in and, as the weather gets colder, gloves and hats will be needed! Thank you.

Poppies

We, again, have poppies on sale in school if you would like to send money in with your children for this.

Invitations from Mr Ross - Bonfire, 7th November & Remembrance Service

Mr Ross has kindly invited our pupils (and parents!) to a bonfire at Dale View, Westerdale on Saturday, 7th November at 6pm. Please could you complete the attached slip, if you would like to go, and return it to school the first day back, **Monday, 2nd November**, if you would like to attend as we have to pass numbers on, thank you. Also,

our pupils are able to make a guy so Polly Findlay will organise this one day after school the week we return. Please indicate on the slip if your children would like to be involved with this and have a word with Polly, if you wish, about it.

Everyone is welcome to the Remembrance Service at Westerdale Church on Sunday, 8th November at 10.30am, followed by refreshments (provided by Mr Ross) in the Village Hall afterwards.

KS2 Hockey Club at Caedmon Astro, 4pm to 5.15pm

As part of Primary School Sport in the Whitby area it is proposed to run a KS2 Hockey Club throughout November and December. The plan is that each Primary School would be able to send 10 children to 3 sessions (ours would be on 10th, 17th and 25th November). The first session would concentrate on skills coaching delivered by Sports Leaders/competent hockey players. Second would be half training and half games and final session games/tournament. Parents would need to take their children and if anyone is interested please let us know and Helen Medcalf is happy to speak to you about it.

Week beginning 2nd November

Monday	Sumdog Club
Tuesday	Sewing Club
Wednesday	Cross Country at Caedmon, 2pm to 3.15pm KS2 Forest Schools, pm Netball Club
Thursday	No Mr Cross music lessons KS1 Forest Schools, pm
Friday	Glaisdale KS2 coming here this half term Football Club

News from Glaisdale

Class 1 have spent a day this week looking at Robert Burns and then designing various colourful tartans. In Geography they have looked at the buildings and their use on the Isle of Struay and have also worked on collages of the Isle of Struay. Class 2 have begun work on Saxons.

There are still places available on the Halloween Spooky Tales Workshop at the Robinson Institute on Wednesday, 10am to 3pm. Please telephone 01947 897945 to reserve a place or email valleynews@basementpress.