
YEAT NEWSLETTER

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Message from Chair of Trust Board

It has been a challenging time in schools for what seems like an age; numerous school closures, remote learning, parents' home schooling, students following new sets of routines, teachers having to constantly adapt to changing goalposts and worry, a lot of worry.

One of the things that I am most proud of as Chair of Trust Board at Yorkshire Endeavour is the team approach we have nurtured. And that's not just for those on staff, but includes families, caring services and a host of other agencies who come together to give our youngsters the best opportunities possible.

And whilst it might be said that we have all been in the same boat for the past twelve months, we have each weathered the storm in different ways. I for one recognise the impact on mental health and people's general outlook. I am confident that the weeks and months ahead will offer opportunities to take stock and move forward positively and that team YEAT will be doing all it can to support our community.

Mat

Mathew Brown

Message from Trust CEO

A huge welcome back to all of the children across the 5 schools in our Trust! Although we had a large number of Key Worker and vulnerable children in all of our schools, we have still doubled our numbers! We realise that it is still a stressful time for families, and that you will still have lots of concerns regarding Covid, but I can personally assure you that our schools take this very seriously and have very robust risk assessments in place to ensure the safety of pupils and staff. Hopefully this reopening this is the beginning of a very bright future, with life returning to normal and schools being able to operate more freely. Thank you to all of the fantastic work done by the families of our children – the key workers and the home schoolers, and thank you of course to all of the YEAT staff who kept all 5 schools open for business.

Christina Zanelli

World Book Day

Despite the challenging times schools across the Trust celebrated World Book day in their own way again this year, with Airy Hill, Lealholm and Castleton schools ALL holding their own versions of “The Masked Reader” events. Glaisdale teachers talked about their favourite books and shared these with children. West Cliff chose a whole school book to read and Lealholm and Castleton schools held decorate potato competitions. Many children, (and school staff), both at home and in school, enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character from a book.

You will all have received a book token which you can redeem against many books and audio books. We hope this helps to continue your love of reading!



News from Castleton Community Primary School

Outdoor education is of prime importance at Castleton school.

Not only do we have our weekly ‘forest school’ sessions, where we light fires, build shelters and learn to safely use a variety of tools; we also make regular use of the extensive grounds behind the school. The children have been involved in lots of exciting developments recently, including clearing out the pond, planting seeds to grow our own fruit, flowers and vegetables and collecting leaf litter to fill our new compost bins.

We love to look after local wildlife and were delighted to hear that our school grounds have been approved as an ideal release site for rehabilitated hedgehogs. We also have nesting boxes, bird feeders and an owl box, so we hope to spot lots of visitors in the coming months.

Another exciting development is the provision of an outdoor classroom, which will provide our children with a sheltered area to learn so that lessons can continue, whatever the weather! For more information and further updates about our outdoor education provision, please visit the outdoor education page of our website: <https://www.castletonprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/outdoor-education-including-forest-schools/>



News from West Cliff Primary School

West Cliff Primary School celebrated World Book Day a little belatedly on Thursday March 11th as we wanted to involve all of our children. We chose a whole school book called ‘The Bad Seed’ to read, which is a heart-warming tale of a bad seed who became good. All of our classes read it and completed activities related to it which will be displayed in our reading corridor. All children took a sunflower seed home to grow; we look forward to seeing pictures of them as they grow! Of course all children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book characters to celebrate our love of reading.



Children from Castleton enjoying the outdoors in Forest School!



News from Glaisdale Primary School

At Glaisdale school, we are keen to provide our pupils with a range of experiences, both within and beyond our local community.

Pupils in our aptly-named Explorer class (EYFS/KS1) had the opportunity of a lifetime recently, when a selection of their sea-themed artwork was selected to journey to the bottom of the ocean! Richard Garriott de Cayeux, an explorer and astronaut, took the pictures with him to the Challenger Deep: the deepest part of the Mariana Trench, which is the deepest known point in the Earth's seabed. Here, they will feature as part of an exhibition made up of artwork from across the United Kingdom.

Closer to home, pupils in Adventurer class (KS2) were celebrating their success in the group dance contest, where they fought off stiff competition in order to be awarded first place in the recent county competition. All pupils at Glaisdale school have the opportunity to develop skills in a range of sporting activities, including archery and orienteering, as well as more traditional sports such as netball, football and cricket. For more information about our sporting activities, please visit the sports page of our website: <https://www.glaisdaleprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/sport-at-glaisdale/>



Glaisdale pupils' artwork on a journey to the bottom of the sea!

Lealholm KS2 enjoyed writing newspaper reports about these mysterious footprints...



News from Lealholm Primary School

The children are continuing to participate in virtual dance sessions this half term in school, as well as their weekly PE sessions. We are very fortunate to have a governor who is a music specialist and she has been able to deliver music sessions where children are composing their own songs.

Heather Class (KS2)

The class book this term is 'High Rise Mystery' and we have some very enthusiastic detectives in Heather Class who have been very engaged in the class story. They have been using their own inference and deductions skills to work out who committed the crime. They had their own mystery to solve in school when one Tuesday

morning, strange, green footprints appeared in the school with a warning sign!

Fern Class (KS1)

In English the children have been learning all about Ocean pollution this term and the problems that it creates for sea creatures. We have discussed how to help reduce the pollution and the children have each created a persuasive poster to encourage others to reduce pollution by reducing, reusing, and recycling. The children are now making a book all about spring, they have been on a spring walk and are learning all about birds, nest building and eggs as well as spring flowers and farm animals. In science we have been learning all about plants and have planted our own basil and marigold seeds to look after and watch grow. In History the Y1/2 children have been learning about Florence Nightingale, while the Reception children are learning all about doctors and how they help us.



Children from Lealholm making their own natural pictures and frames using materials they found exploring the school surroundings during Forest School.



News from Airy Hill Primary School

Year 6 kept our school community informed on a range of local and global issues during lockdown with their weekly newspaper written, edited and produced by our wonderful pupils. After learning about street art, with a focus on the work of Banksy, Year 5 designed their own graffiti pieces to create a fabulous display brightening up our KS2 corridor. Like Banksy's work, the pictures convey a message, which is important to each child. To emulate Banksy's bold style and simulate the effect of spray paint, they used a range of media, including very soft pencils, charcoal sticks, chalk and their own stencils.

We love and encourage sport, movement and being active at Airy Hill and over the last few months we have been delighted with the number of pupils participating in the virtual challenges set by the Ryedale and Whitby School Games, many of whom have received 1st place certificates. This week we have been blown away by Charlie, one of our youngest Year 5 pupils who has not only achieved 1st place in the Year 5/6 boys Ultimate Warrior competition but has also placed gold in the North Yorkshire School Games County Finals! Go Charlie!

Airy Hill Year 5 Banksy inspired artwork.



Red Nose Day 2021

Schools across the trust proved that “Funny is Power” this year for Red Nose Day. Friday 19th March was also World Sleep Day so Airy Hill pupils and staff attended school in their PJ’s and onsies for a small donation to Comic Relief. Children were also invited to submit 90 second video clips for their Virtual Talent Show; it was amazing to see so many amazing talented children! At Glaisdale everyone wore red and had a sponsored non-stop “Nose and Spoon” race where children kept the nose on the spoon whilst moving around the school from 8:50am until 3:15pm. Children from Castleton came dressed up in red, sporting their noses or as superheroes and donated money via their fundraising page. They also found their favourite jokes to share with a child (who was off school as he has broken both of his arms!) These cheered him up immensely on their afternoon zoom with him. At Lealholm pupils dressed in red and aimed to make each other laugh and smile which they shared in their celebration assembly. West Cliff also invited children to attend in non-uniform for a donation to the charity. All children across the trust had such a fun day whilst helping others, spreading kindness and joy and learning about the work that Comic Relief does.

We have raised a MASSIVE collective total of £969.95 across all of our schools. Well done everyone! Proud to be YEAT!





The School Games inspires young people to be physically active for life through positive experiences of daily activity and competition.

The School Games consists of four unique types of competition, Intra-School Competition, Local Inter-School Competition, County Final and School Games National Finals.

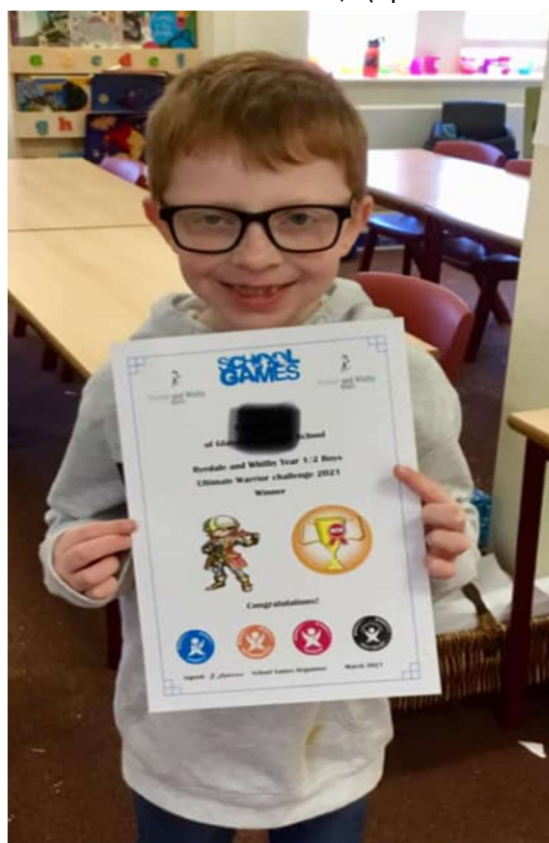
One of the Local Inter-School Competitions is "Ultimate Warrior" and we have some Ultimate Warriors among us.....

The Ultimate Warrior is the boy and girl who complete all of the elements, (Speed Bounce,

Shuttle Runs, Step Ups and the classic Star Jump), in the quickest time – no breaks in between.

Ultimate Warriors!

Well done to **Ethan from Glaisdale** who came top in the in Year 1 /2 boys category, and to **Charlie from Airy Hill** who not only came top in the Year 5/6 boys category but who also scooped GOLD in the County Finals! Well done boys!



We hope you enjoy this newsletter bringing you news from across the Trust. If you have any comments or questions or if there is anything you would like to see more of in future editions of the YEAT Newsletter, please email sgreen.airyhill@yeat.co.uk. We'd love to hear from you! Wishing you all a wonderful Easter half term.

