



NEWSLETTER



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Message from Mrs Hird

This week, I wanted to mention how wonderful it has been to hear so much music-making taking place within the school. We have so many talented young musicians and it is a delight to hear them, whether it is piano playing during breakfast club, peripatetic lessons with Mrs Lillie, singing sessions, exploring the science of sound, or listening to the fabulous vocals of the school choir.

You will see in this newsletter that all our children are working towards the Arts Award Discover, which will involve developing skills across a whole range of the Arts, and I'd like to thank Miss Wilson and Mrs Walley who are working hard to support our children with this exciting venture. It also presents an excellent opportunity for us to collaborate with our colleagues at West Cliff Primary, one of our sister schools within the Yorkshire Endeavour Academy Trust.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was **92.46%**, so below our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

This week the Acorns have started their Arts Award journey by exploring the school grounds to find different art forms. They enjoyed working in pairs to hunt around the classroom and they amazed us with all of their discoveries. They drew pictures and wrote lists of their findings. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and excitement in this activity. The children have also started to learn a Kenyan folk song, "Kipenzi Changu," so if you hear some interesting songs at home it is Swahili!

The work has continued in English on Anansi the Spider, sequencing stories and thinking about apostrophes for possession, a hard concept! In Maths, year 2 had lots of practical sessions making and showing fractions, whilst year 1 have been dividing numbers by grouping. Reception have worked on ordering, making and recognising numbers to 20.

We have completed our learning on Ramadan and Eid in RE this week and in Geography researched about the climate and variation of landscapes in Africa.

The Acorn **Star of the Week** is **Scott** for brilliant number work – recognising, ordering and making the teen numbers.



Oaks have begun to learn about biographies and autobiographies and how to spot the difference between them. They have read a biography about Prince Philip, found the features of the text and identified different sentence types that it used. We have also begun our whole class book- The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf.

In maths, the Y5/6 children have solved problems to do with time and converting different units to solve them. Y3/4 children have continued with fractions and in particular finding fractions of an amount.

PE has involved Cricket with Lewis and linking sequences in Gymnastics.

During our outdoor learning session we constructed a bird box and made a woodland mobile. We also had the opportunity to plant some sunflower seeds which have been donated by **Morrisons** – we were delighted to receive a Seeds of Hope hamper and compost from them last week! 🌻🌻🌻🌻

This week we have had a very kind donation of books from the **Whitby Amateur Dramatics Society**. We can't wait to get reading them!



The Oak 2 **Stars of the Week** are: **Jake** for brilliant work during both PE sessions and **Jack** for fantastic focus and effort with his maths work.



Rotary Young Writer Competition Success

Many congratulations to Pearl who has been awarded joint 3rd place in the 7-10 years category of the above competition! The theme was “My Town, My Future” and below is the feedback from the judges:-

I loved the gentle, pastoral feel of this poem. Your choice of words to begin each line shows real creativity. The poem has a completeness about it, and your love for where you live shines through; beautifully illustrated too!

A warm story about the writer's pride in their town and he/she wants us to feel the pride for her town that she has. I liked it and thought it was a kind story.

Arts Award Discover

During this half term all of the children will be working towards Arts Award Discover. This is an introductory level to the Arts which allows the children to learn about a wide range of arts through participating in activities, researching artists and sharing their discoveries with each other.



The Acorns will be going on an arts hunt around the school grounds to identify as many art forms as they can. Their music sessions will be based around a Kenyan theme, where they will be discovering and learning a folk song and the artist, David Nzomo, who created it. The children will also find out about the Maasai tribe and learn how they dance.

The Oaks will be researching different art forms and making records of their findings in their very own log books. They will then research an art form or artist of their choice and produce something in the style of their chosen artist.

The final stage of the award will involve all children coming together to celebrate their discoveries with each other. Oak class will also be writing reflections about what they have learned in their log books.

On completion and submission, all children will receive an Arts Award Discover certificate from Trinity College, London.

Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce that Nick Tindall has been appointed as the parent governor for Glaisdale Primary. As Castleton, Glaisdale and Lealholm have a shared governing body, Nick will be working with the rest of our governors to drive improvement across all three schools. We would like to welcome Nick to the team and look forward to working with him over the coming years.

Drinks in school

Please can we remind parents that any water bottles to be used throughout the school day should contain water, not juice. If children are bringing juice as part of their packed lunch, this should only be used at lunchtimes. Separate water bottles are available in school to use in the classroom. Thank you.



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Week Commencing Monday, 26th April

Please note that there will be no Gardening Club on Wednesday

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| Monday | Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
Choir after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.15pm. |
| Tuesday | PE for Acorns
"Signing" after school. Finish time 4.15pm. |
| Wednesday | All pupils Outdoor learning. Children can come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. |
| Thursday | PE for all pupils.
Football after school. Finish time 4.15pm. |
| Friday | PE for Oaks. |