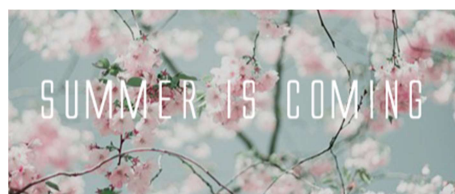

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Message from Chair of Trust Board

As life in our schools begins to return to normal, it has been wonderful to see a wealth of images and positive stories on social media. Of particular note are those lessons that I feel make our Trust such a special place for students to learn. Whether it is sampling seafood on the beach or building fires safely as part of forest schools' activities, one thing is for sure, the curriculum is full of amazing opportunities to grow and develop.

And of course, time spent at school has also given our students the chances to reconnect with staff and friends. Lockdown had a profound impact on many students who I know missed the routines and relationships that day-to-day schooling provides. The return to school has brought smiles to the faces of staff and students alike!

Mat

Mathew Brown

Message from Trust CEO

What an exciting time we have had in our YEAT schools this half term. Attendance has been excellent in all of our schools – and there has been much exciting learning going on! It is reassuring to see that most Covid measures are in place, there have been no positive cases in our schools, and we are still steadily moving back towards 'normal'. This half term has seen the return of the educational visit. All of our schools put outdoor learning at the heart of their curriculum so it is great to see that we have been able to expand this by travelling wider than our immediate locality. Look at our school Facebook pages to see the fantastic activities including off road cycling at Glaisdale and an entire Beach Week at West Cliff. We are very proud of the bespoke curriculum each school has and how this is enhanced by learning outside of the classroom. Residential visits will be permitted soon – how exciting!

Christina

Christina Zanelli

Unicef Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA)

YEAT primary schools aim to be schools where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan, all schools across the Trust are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.



To learn more about Rights Respecting Schools, please visit www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa



News from West Cliff Primary School

What a fantastic week we have had at West Cliff! As a Beach School, we were so excited to get back down on the beach where we belong. All of our classes have had great fun learning outside the classroom and have taken part in a variety of activities from our '70 things to do on West Cliff beach'.

This year, because of the pandemic, we scheduled this special beach week in addition to our regular beach trips to catch up on the activities that we missed out on last year.

During our week, some of our activities have included exploring rock pools, jumping and chasing waves, creating marble runs and sand sculptures, constructing shelters and driftwood rafts and playing cricket and rounders.

Children have cooked bread, pitta pizzas and chocolate orange cakes on the fire and have enjoyed hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. We've also eaten ice creams, fish and chips, crab, cockles, whelks, seaweed and squid – which had mixed reviews!

A busy but fun-filled week and as always, we left no trace!



"Oh we do like to be beside the seaside"

***Beach Week lessons and fun for
West Cliff children (and staff)!***



**News from Castleton
Community Primary School**

Outdoor learning

Pupils at Castleton School have been making the most of their extensive school grounds, despite the unpredictable weather we have been experiencing recently!

With support from staff and volunteers, pupils of all ages have been constructing a minibeast mansion, spotting tadpoles, planting seeds in the greenhouse and undertaking lots of other creative activities in order to encourage growth, look after local wildlife and develop pupils' understanding of the great outdoors.

The pupils' adventures have continued with regular forest school sessions, delivered by trained school staff in a local woodland area.

Recent activities have included using tools to make bird boxes and woodland mobiles, climbing trees, building dens and – everyone's favourite – drinking hot chocolate by a roaring fire!



Castleton's Mini-beast Mansion

The Arts

All the pupils of Castleton School are currently working towards Arts Award Discover, kindly supported by staff from West Cliff Primary. 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, (age 4 – 7), have been on an arts hunt around the school grounds to identify art forms. Their music sessions are based around a Kenyan theme, where they have been discovering and learning a folk song and finding out about the artist, David Nzomo, who created it. The children will also find out about the Maasai tribe and learn how they dance. The Oaks, (age 7 – 11), have been researching different art forms and making records of their findings in their very own log books. They will also be researching an art form or artist of their choice and producing 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.



*Kenyan themed music sessions at
Castleton*



News from Glaisdale Primary School

Cycling skills

Pupils at Glaisdale had an amazing time earlier this month, developing their mountain biking skills, with support from Phil at Pro-Cycling and our fabulous staff team. Children in all year groups worked on cornering skills, leaning into bends, weaving through cones, riding over ramps and having a limbo competition, all whilst on a bike! Pupils in Key Stage 2 also had the opportunity to take their

skills to the local quarry area, where our more experienced riders were able to show off some rather impressive jumps and tricks! We are keen to develop our cycling curriculum over the coming months and years, so that Glaisdale pupils can make regular and full use of our local bridleways.

Community links

Adventurer class (Key Stage 2) have been out and about in the village for a geography field trip,

developing and sharing their local knowledge and map-reading skills, as well as conducting an online survey of Glaisdale residents. Explorers (Reception and Key Stage 1) were keen to play their part and carried out a local litter pick, showing care for the environment and our local community.

We were also delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with staff from the North York Moors National Park, taking on board their experience and knowledge whilst we develop our bespoke 'moors school' curriculum. Plans are still in their infancy but we're very excited by the prospect of using local heather to make besoms, carrying out conservation activities and taking part in dark skies tours.



Glaisdale Community Links



Mountain Biking Skills at Glaisdale



our passionate about keeping our local area clean and tidy.

Mmmmmmm hot chocolate!



News from Lealholm Primary School

At Lealholm we have had a fantastic half term embracing the outdoors and embarking on our journey to becoming a River School. During our River Schools sessions, we have completed a variety of activities including sketching the landscape around us; enjoying hot chocolate and a river story and classifying the trees that are situated close to the river. The school council completed an assembly where they informed the children about the Rights Respecting School award. This half term we have also been involved in a litter pick around our village as we

Lealholm Litter Pick



Lealholm's RRSA journey



News from Airy Hill Primary School

Airy Hill Primary School are proud to have achieved the Bronze Rights Respecting School award showing that we are a 'Rights Committed' school. The Award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child at the heart of a school's practice to improve wellbeing and help all children and young people realise their potential. Children of all ages have engaged in meaningful discussion during small assemblies and class time, demonstrating that they are developing a growing knowledge of the rights and how these apply not only to themselves but to children around the world.

This term has seen a number of new children join our school and nursery, from two years old to ten years old. A strength at Airy Hill is the kindness and friendship shown to new children by the rest of our school - we can always reassure parents that our children are good at making friends and that new children will settle in quickly. Last term our children's friendship was extended into the local community as they wrote Easter cards to patients at Whitby Hospital. This term will take our Year 2's amazing writing even further as they send letters 'down under' to their new pen pals in Australia. We can't wait to hear all about life in Oz!

Airy Hill's lovely Easter Cards on display at Whitby Hospital.



Our Year 6 children have been busy developing independence this term in preparation for the move up to secondary school. Last month, all children took part in a two day 'Bikeability' training course to prepare them for safe practice on the roads. We are so proud of our Year 6 children and we can't believe we only have a few weeks left with them - they are growing up so fast!



Bikeability at Airy Hill

NSPCC Number Day 2021

We celebrated NSPCC Number Day across the Trust in different ways this year. Pupils at Castleton and Glaisdale raised money whilst developing their mathematical skills when they celebrated the NSPCC Number Day on 7th May. Pupils (and staff) were invited to wear number-themed outfits and had great fun participating in a range of number-based activities including bingo and giant board games.

At Lealholm the children came in some very creative costumes relating to numbers and they had a fun packed day with activities revolving around numbers. The children particularly enjoyed answering the number based clues which took them on a trail around our local area.

All Year groups at Airy Hill took part in various number related activities including maths challenges and bingo. Year 3 particularly enjoyed the very funny story "365 Penguins" by Jean-Luc Fromental and Joëlle

Jolivet, which they then used to complete complex number puzzles. In assemblies children learned about the important work undertaken by the NSPCC and ChildLine, and participated in some lively discussions around bullying and keeping safe, particularly online, accompanied by Buddy, the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe mascot!

We all also took this opportunity to link our learning and fundraising activities to the Rights Respecting Schools Award.



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 half term break!

